

Prayer by Janet Ainsworth, Barrow Bridge Mission

We start the year off with new things, a new calendar on the wall, new bills, new resolutions for the days ahead. Everybody likes new things, including God. He's called the Ancient of Days, and He says: **"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."** *Isaiah 43:19*

A PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHURCH IN THIS NEW YEAR

Father God, we ask that you -

Help us as we start this New Year to let go of the past and receive Your promise of hope for what You have in store for us now. **Help us** to not meditate on our past but focus upon what You want to do in and through our lives now and in the future. **Help us** to not meditate on what was good about the past and how we can resurrect the same but to be open to new ways of doing things. **Open our eyes** Lord, to what You are already doing among us and in each of our lives. **Help us** to be bold and not afraid to reach out into a new direction according to Your will. **Guide each path** we take and remind us that You are always alongside us. **Prompt us** through your Holy Spirit to remember to pray to You for the next move should we hesitate or stumble. **Help us** to encourage each other to reach our individual and joint goals according to Your will. **Thank You, Lord, for your everlasting presence. Amen**

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." *Isaiah 43:2*

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Welcome to St. Peter's. We are 4 churches:

St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Barrow Bridge and Smithills Fellowship
One Parish—One Church—One Vision

Sunday 9th January 2022



Church Live! - Livestreaming of services: You are invited to join us for our service at **10.30am** each **Sunday** on Facebook and YouTube. Click on 'Church Live' at <https://www.stpetersparish.info> to go straight to the service. Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/StPetersHalliwell>

Parish-wide services today: *Everybody welcome.*

St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word with Communion; **10.30am** This is our **livestreamed service**, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/cYwG3G2q-qU>. This is our all-age service. *We would love to see you so please join us if you can;* **6.30pm** Worship and teaching.

Sister churches: 10am Smithills Fellowship (Café Church), **10.30am Barrow Bridge** and **10.30am St. Andrew's** (Café Church).

This is our text card for 2022 which is the basis of our parish-wide sermon series during January. **The Interregnum team, staff and PCC pray that you have a blessed and healthy 2022.**



PARISH OF ST. PETER'S, HALLIWELL
"Transforming Bolton Together in Jesus' Name"

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Christmas Day Offering: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this offering for Kathmandu International Study Centre. A fantastic amount of **£2,000** has been raised which will be a real blessing to the people of Nepal.

General activities this week at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 10th: 10am-12noon **The Coffee Room.** This church run cafe is *open to everyone*, offering delicious home made cakes, tea and filter coffees. **10.30am-11.30am Age UK's Strength and Balance Class.** Sorry, this class is full. To go on the waiting list, contact amanda@stpetersparish.info. **1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group** All welcome. For details, contact ruthrobinson293@gmail.com / 492637

Thursday 13th: 10am **Aerobics.** All welcome. Contact Paula for details on 07913 408141. **1.30pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group.** For details, contact janeheath@heathnet.plus.com / 07472 926650.

Friday 14th: 10.30am **Friday Connections.** All welcome. For details, contact denis.collier@gmail.com. **4pm-6pm BOOM** Dance worship group for Y3-11. For details, contact Genese or Beth via Facebook Messenger (@boombolton) or email boomworshipdancecompany@gmail.com. **8pm Stressbusters.** All welcome. For details, call Geoff Barlow on 407202.

Saturday 15th: 9am-12noon (age related sessions) **INTERACT School of Performing Arts.** For more details, contact Emma or Lucy on 07896 724531

Open Door at the Parish Centre: Please note that this group was due to re-start meeting on Wednesday (8th) *but is postponed until further notice.*

Youth Activities this week across the Parish



Our Youth Minister, Kristen, says 'Happy New Year! Here's all you need to know for the start of 2022:

Tread will be back again on **Tuesday (11th)**. **JF Youth** will re-start on **Wednesday (12th)**. **Lighthouse** is back **NEXT Sunday (16th)**.

Kintsugi Hope starts **TODAY (Sunday 9th)** in St. Peter's Church Lounge, 8 - 9:15pm for all those in a Year 9 + Discipleship Group.

Year 9+ Weekend Away: There are 2 male and 2 female places available for the Year 9+ Weekend Away in St Johns in the Vale on **21st - 23rd January**. If you would like to come, contact Kristen at Youth@stpetersparish.info / 07526 594995 as soon as possible! Thanks.

Duke of Edinburgh: If you haven't yet expressed an interest in doing D of E yet but you've been meaning to, **contact Kristen by 17th January**. Do keep your eyes peeled for a notice about the 2022 Registration Evening, which will be coming soon!

Save the date! Missional Communities Worship Evening: As part of the diocesan initiative of creating Missional Communities, an event is being held in St. Peter's Church at **7pm on Friday 11th February**. All are invited to join in so please do come along to find out more and worship with our Missional Community!

Prayer guides: The annual prayer initiative '15 days of Prayer for the Buddhist



World 2022' is coming up, running from **18th January - 1st February** and each day's prayer will be uploaded daily to our website — <https://www.stpetersparish.info>. Alternatively, you can pick up a copy from the back of church or the Parish Office.

Magazines needed: If you have any lifestyle magazines with landscape scenes in them (eg. Lancashire Life) that you no longer need, please drop them off at the Parish Centre by **Friday 28th January**. These are needed for a Lighthouse activity on Sunday 6th February. Thank you.



St. Peter's Toddler Group at St. Peter's Parish Centre: This group resumes on **Tuesday 18th January at 10am**. This group is open to parents and carers with babies and pre-school children. We are really looking forward to seeing you all!

TOTS on Tuesday at St. Andrews (Hope Centre): This group resumes on **Tuesday 18th January at 9.45am**. All welcome.

Are you looking for a new volunteering opportunity? Have you got time on your hands and enjoy working with children? We are looking for new people to join our team on Tuesday mornings at St. Andrews (Hope Centre) delivering our small but very friendly **Tots on Tuesday** group. Maybe you can offer once or twice a month? Please ring Julie Walsh on 07835014470 for a no pressure chat to find out more.

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Monthly prayer meeting: This returns **TOMORROW, Monday (10th)** at **9.45am** in the CAP Office for 20 minutes of praise and petition.

CAP Money Course: The next course is planned for **7.30pm on Wednesdays 26th January, 2nd and 9th February**. Details to follow.

Treasurers: Please note that your accounts for 2021 must be deposited at the Parish Centre by **Friday 21st January** in order that they can be forwarded to the auditors.

Wearing of masks in our church buildings: The wearing of face masks continues to be **MANDATORY** in places of worship (unless you are exempt).