



AND AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE A FIRE, BUT THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE FIRE;
AND AFTER THE FIRE A SOUND OF SHEER SILENCE. WHEN ELIJAH HEARD IT, HE WRAPPED HIS FACE
IN HIS MANTLE AND WENT OUT AND STOOD AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAVE.
THEN THERE CAME A VOICE TO HIM THAT SAID, 'WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ELIJAH?'

1 KINGS 19.12&13

ELIJAH

HEARING GOD'S VOICE



How can we hear God's voice in a loud and distracting world?
Spend six weeks finding out more with others at our Bible Study during Advent.

Starting Wednesday 8th November, 7.30pm, the Veranda Room at St Peter's House
Other Dates: 15th & 29th November, 6th, 13th & 20th December

St Peter's, Hale
Newsletter, November 2023



November Services

Wednesday 1st November

10am **Holy Communion
with Book of
Common Prayer**

Sunday 5th November

Fourth Sunday before Advent

8.30am **Contemporary Praise**
*Readings: Revelation 7.9-end;
Matthew 5.1-12*

1pm **Baptism**
6.30pm **Sung Eucharist**

Wednesday 8th November

10am **Holy Communion
with Book of
Common Prayer**

Sunday 12th November

*Remembrance Sunday
Third Sunday before Advent*

8.30am **Holy Communion
with Book of
Common Prayer**

10am **Holy Communion
with an Act of
Remembrance
and Junior Church**
*Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end;
Matthew 25.1-13*

6.30pm **Songs of Praise**

Wednesday 15th November

10am **Holy Communion
with Book of
Common Prayer**

Sunday 19th November

Second Sunday before Advent

8.30am **Holy Communion
with Book of
Common Prayer**

10am **Holy Communion
with Common Worship**
*Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11;
Matthew 25.14-30*

3pm **Messy Church**

Wednesday 22nd November

10am **Holy Communion
with Book of
Common Prayer**

Sunday 26th November

Christ the King

8.30am **Holy Communion
with Book of
Common Prayer**

10am **Holy Communion
with Junior Church**
*Readings: Ephesians 1.15-end;
Matthew 25.31-end*

1pm **Baptism**

Wednesday 29th November

10am **Holy Communion
with Book of
Common Prayer**

Team Holidays

Alex Masters will be off on **Friday 3rd November** and **Monday 6th November** and will be back in the office on **Tuesday 7th November**.

Rev'd Kaz Stanton will be away from **Monday 13th November** and back on **Monday 20th November**. Services will be covered by **Rev'd Keith Hine**.

November Notices

Ploughman's Lunch

Saturday 4th November, 12-1pm
Small Hall, Assembly Rooms

Hosted by CWF, in aid of the Hope
Centre Partington.

CWF Meeting

Monday 6th November, 7.15pm
Veranda Room, St Peter's House

The talk 'An Eco Christmas and New
Year' will be given by Lucy Natrass.

Elijah: Bible Study

Wednesday 8th November, 7.30pm
Veranda Room, St Peter's House

S.P.R.O.U.T.S Annual Chat

Wednesday 8th November, 7.30pm
Garden Room, St Peter's House

Salford Van Collection

Sunday 12th November, before 1pm
Behind the Assembly Rooms

Remembrance Sunday Songs of Praise

Sunday 12th November, 6.30pm
St Peter's Church

We are having a Songs of Praise service
for Remembrance Sunday led by Steve
Higgins.

St Peter's Good as New Sale

Saturday 18th November, 10am-12pm
The Assembly Rooms

The Academy of St Peter's String Orchestra Concert

Thursday 23rd November, 12pm
Main Hall, Assembly Rooms

All welcome. Free admission,
donations gratefully accepted.

Lucy Natrass

2023 Alf Keeling Memorial Lecture

Thursday 23rd November, 7.30pm
Holy Angels Church Hall,
Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, WA15 0HF

"Who is my Neighbour?" Families
seeking asylum arrived in Hale needing
help. What can we learn from the
Ashley Hotel story about ourselves and
our faith? Speaker: Kevin Jaquiss.
All welcome. Light refreshments
served. Please inform Carolyn Jones
(cjpjones43@gmail.com or
0161 445 6935) if you wish to attend.

Ruth Neal

Piano Concert

Friday 24th November, 12pm
St Elizabeth's Church, Ashley

A short concert given by Alessandra
Pompili of piano music and perhaps a
clarinet sonata. Free admission,
donations gratefully accepted.

Litter Pick

Sunday 26th November, 2pm
Meet outside St Peter's House

Please bring your own gloves. Other
equipment will be provided.
Refreshments served at St Peter's
House after the pick at 3.30pm.
Children welcome when accompanied
by a responsible adult.

December Events

Alteri Chamber Choir

Sunday 3rd December, 3pm
St Elizabeth's Church, Ashley

All are welcome to this short concert of music for Advent. Free admission, retiring collection.

Daily Prayer

Monday 4th December, 8.30-9am
St Peter's Church

Join us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for Daily Prayer in church at 8.30am. Starting from 4th December. All welcome. *Rev'd Kaz Stanton*

Ministry to Children and Families

St Peter's Parent, Baby, and Toddler Group & Bumps 2 Babies

Mondays, 10am,
Veranda Room, St Peter's House

Mondays during term time. New families are very welcome. £3 per adult per session (children attend free) or £30 per term or £15 per half term. Free play, songs, tea and coffee, and biscuits.

Junior Church

Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month
Garden Room, St Peter's House

Messy Church

Third Sunday of the Month
Veranda Room, St Peter's House

CFW Christmas Party

Monday 4th December, 7.15pm
Veranda Room, St Peter's House

A hot supper will be served and there will also be a raffle. If you have any dietary requirements please contact Jill Jagger (0161 980 6364).

Christmas is Coming:

A Festive Concert

Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm
St Peter's Church

This concert is presented by the award-winning Bravura Choir in aid of the Christie Hospital, including a raffle.

For tickets (£7), please contact Janice Moss (0161 928 8969) or email bluebell7172@gmail.com

Churches Together in Hale

The seven Churches Together in Hale have produced a welcome card giving contact and website details for the different congregations. The idea is to use the cards to welcome new arrivals to Hale - and help them find a church.

Our initial allocation of the cards is held in the Parish Office. If you spot a removal van unloading furniture or encounter a newly arrived family, collect a card from the office, pop the card through letter box, and let us know the address. The cards demonstrate local churches working together. Each address doesn't need seven cards! More cards will be printed as required. *Chris Graham*

We are now an Inclusive Church

Kate Hass shares the news and what this means

During 2023 St Peter's has been working towards registration as an Inclusive Church.

This journey has included:

- Presentation and discussion at the PCC Vision Day
- The Lent Course considering aspects of discrimination
- A report at the APCM
- A resolution of the PCC at the June meeting to make formal application

I am now pleased to report that St Peter's was officially registered as an Inclusive Church in September.

What does this mean?

The vision to which St Peter's is subscribing is:

"To be a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the Church where it continues to discriminate against people on the grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity or sexuality. We believe in a church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

In joining Inclusive Church St Peter's is publicly declaring that these Biblical imperatives are important values underpinning all that we do and all that we are.

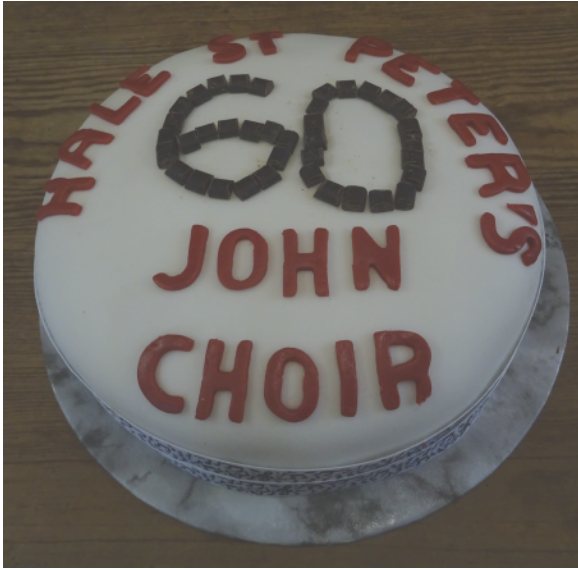
What you will be seeing as we move forward:

- The Inclusive Church Newsletter available at St Peter's
- A link to Inclusive Church on St Peter's website and other platforms
- The Inclusive Church logo on communications
- Mention in prayers and sermons at our services
- Visiting speakers
- Linking with other Inclusive Churches locally
- Updates in St Peter's Newsletters

We hope this news encourages you as it has encouraged our leadership. **Kate Hass**

John Hawker celebrates 60 years

John Hawker joined St Peter's Choir as a treble in October 1963. 60 years later he is an accomplished and valued tenor and a very loyal stalwart of the choir. We marked the occasion with the presentation of a small gift (afternoon tea for two on a steam train) during morning service and a special cake (ably baked by Lynda Higgins) which was enjoyed by both choir and congregation. **Christine Davison**



23rd September 2023: a day to remember

Thank you to all who gave congratulations and cards for our marriage. I was very touched to hear that some were also able to watch the service at Swanage URC via YouTube. The day was everything we hoped it would be: a culmination of two years of prayers, planning, preparation and a mountain of DIY wedding crafts. The presence of God was tangible throughout the day, and to be joined by so many family and friends - we truly were surrounded by love.



Alex and Jonny at Durlston Country Park, Swanage, Dorset

We had an excellent 10 days in the Riviera Maya in Mexico to recover after all the excitement.

After much thought and discernment, I have decided to change my name to Masters. I'm hoping I get used to it after 35 years of being known as Alex Potts!

Alex Masters

Hale Artisan Market

An update from Michael Moore, Church Warden

I am writing to give you an update on the outcome of the Hale Artisan Market, which took place on the grounds of St Peter's on Saturday 24th June 2023. Trafford Council have refused St Peter's a licence for any future Artisan Markets. Their decision was based as follows.

Taking into consideration all of the feedback and comments received from the applicant and stakeholders, the Council has taken the decision not to approve applications for future markets of this nature in Hale.

The decision has been made on the following grounds:

- Despite Trafford Council's Market Policy offering some flexibility in approving market applications, a market taking place within one mile of Altrincham Market and on a Saturday contradicts the Royal Charter.
- The scale of the market is such that it has the potential to have a significant impact on Altrincham Market, particularly given the proximity to Altrincham. An equivalent market currently takes place in Sale, but this is on a Sunday and so does not appear to contradict the Royal Charter.
- The market received a relatively high number of objections from Altrincham Market traders, and the results from a third-party survey seemed to support those objections.
- Although footfall in Altrincham did not seem to be adversely affected by the market, concerns have been raised over the long-term impact of a market of this size on Altrincham.
- The Altrincham Market operating agreement states that "The Charter granting the right to hold a market will remain with Trafford Borough Council who shall use reasonable endeavours to prevent third parties from operating a market which would compete with the market operated at the Premises in breach of the Charter and the Tenant shall act as operator only." The level of opposition to this market, and its size, seems to indicate that a market of this nature in Hale would be in competition with Altrincham Market.

The Council retain the prerogative to change this position at any time, e.g. if there are any fundamental changes to the grounds laid out above. Should you wish to contact Trafford Council about this decision their email address is markets@trafford.gov.uk

Michael Moore

Prayers

Unwell: Paul Metham, Jean Hine, Linda Rutherford, Rev'd Tom Ryan

Those who have departed this life: Christopher Sherriff

If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, please let the office know and we will add your/their name to the Prayer List. This list is read out as part of our intercessions in the service. We also pray for those who have recently departed this life.

Regular Collections

A reminder of the various organisations we collect for at the back of church:

Tree of Life Centre, Wythenshawe

Clean clothing in any condition

Hope Centre, Partington

Tinned and dried goods

Salford Boxes

Kitchen utensils

(please see list at back of church)



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