

For your prayers

If you would like us to pray for anyone please contact the Parish Office.

Funerals: We commend to God;
John Legg
Audrey Raine

Unwell: We ask God's healing for;
Karen Dawson

St Peter's Toddler Group Vacancies

St Peter's Toddler Group is a group for all pre school children, supported by the church and run by volunteers. The group is a fun informal group and we are looking for new volunteers. If you think you could help with the running of a Friday Toddler group or are interested in becoming the Toddler groups Treasurer or help with the next charity event please get in touch. **Contact Antonia Gonzales-Bailey 07872 616 811**

Tell Us About Yourself

Fill in the forms on the tables at the back of church to let the Parish Office know what areas of 'Life at St Peter's' you are interested in hearing a little bit more about. **Contact the Parish Office with any enquiries 0161 928 3374, office@stpetershale.org.uk**

Get in touch!

Readers:

John Moss 0161 928 8969
Julie Withers 01565 652 514
reader@stpetershale.org.uk

Church Wardens:

Judy Holden 0161 980 7326
Lesley Bell 0161 980 7623



Children at St Peter's

St Peter's Toddler Group

Please contact Antonia if you are interested in details of the groups running each week. **Contact Antonia Gonzales-Bailey 07872 616 811**

St Peter's Baby Group

Meets Every Monday 10.15am till 12noon (except Bank Holidays) in the Garden Room of St Peter's House (the white building in the church grounds) for pregnant and new mums with babies under 12 months. **Contact Antonia Gonzales-Bailey 07872 616 811**

Flames - Youth group

Sundays in Term Time 6pm-8pm St Peter's House
Plenty of fun, food and faith designed for young people from school years 6, 7, 8 and upwards. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month during school term time. For more information and offers of help please **Contact Matt Buckley 07926 756 798**

Voice Youth Choir

Voice groups for children and young people interested in developing their faith through music. The Choir does not meet during the school summer holidays. Please look at the Voice website for details: www.voicemusic.org.uk

Parish Office: Mon - Fri 9.30am-12.30pm

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The Parish Church of
St Peter's Hale

 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Chester

Welcome to Worship! If you are visiting, or here for the first time, you are especially welcome; please make yourself known to someone wearing a blue name badge.

Sunday 9th December

Second Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP p.49)
Romans 15: 4-13
Luke 21: 25-33

10am Holy Communion
Philippians 1: 3-11 (NT p.182)
Luke 3: 1-6 (NT p.55)

11.30am Family Praise with Nativity

6.30pm Said Evensong
Malachi 3: 1-4 (OT p.812)
Luke 1: 1-25 (NT. p.52)

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Sunday 16th December

Third Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP p.51)
1 Corinthians 4: 1-5
Matthew 11: 2-10

10am All Age Morning Worship
Luke 3: 7-18 (NT p.55)

6.30pm Said Evensong
Zephaniah 3: 14-end (OT p.800)
Luke 1: 57-66 (NT. p.53)

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Join us for weekday morning worship:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

8.30am in Church.

Wednesdays: Holy Communion 10am

St Peter's House Chapel followed by morning coffee. Everyone welcome.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer NT - New Testament OT - Old Testament

Details of all services & contacts can be found at www.stpetershale.org.uk. Notice boards in the North & South Porches of church & in St Peter's House display current and future events plus Community Notices.



If you need assistance before, after or during a service, please speak to our Verger, Church Wardens, Welcomers or Sidespeople, who wear blue name badges. Please turn off your mobile phone while in church.



There is a children's area at the front of church. Toilets and baby changing facilities are in St Peter's House. If you are a UK taxpayer, please use the yellow Gift Aid envelope at your seat to make a donation. This will add to the value of your gift at no further cost to you. Please consider joining our stewardship scheme to regularly the works of St Peter's, home and abroad.

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Christmas at St Peter's

St Peter's Posada The St Peter's Posada set will be travelling through our village from Sunday 2nd December until Sunday 23rd December. If you would like to host the Posada set please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Children's Activities Every Sunday to 23 December 12.00pm—2.00pm at St Peters House Come and join the Youth Team every Sunday before Christmas for some festive fun. Arts and crafts, for children aged 5 and upwards. Children under 5 are welcome but will need to be accompanied by an adult. **Contact Matt Buckley 07926 756798.**

Christingle Tickets

This year's Christingles are being held on **Saturday 22 December at 4pm and 6pm.** Tickets will be available from the Parish Office weekdays 10.30am-12.00pm until all tickets have been distributed. A sign up sheet will be available at the back of church on Sunday 6 December. For those on that list tickets can either be collected from the Office in the week or after services the following Sunday. **Contact the Parish Office with any enquiries.**

Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday 23 December 6.30pm at St Peters Church Join us for an evening of hymns, choir music and readings to mark the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass Monday 24 December 11.30pm at St Peter's Church

Christmas Day at St Peter's Church 8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion Family Service

Advent Prayer—Second Sunday of Advent

The Prophets

Loving God, your prophets spoke out in the darkness of suffering and loss, of a light coming into the world. May we proclaim the light of Christ as we stand alongside the marginalised of your world, that they may find new strength and hope in you.

Churches Together in Hale

The leaflet advertising Christmas Services in six local churches is now ready at the back of church for distribution in December. If you would like to help distribute leaflets, not necessarily to your own road. Other churches are distributing their quota. It is an exciting example of co-operation to impact our local area! **Contact Ruth Neal 0161 980 3343.**

Mission in Action newsletter

The Mission in Action team's December newsletter is available at the back of church. Please take a copy and read the latest news from the charities we support as a parish.

Raising funds for seriously wounded veterans this Christmas

Please help Peter Booth raise money for seriously wounded veterans this Christmas with his Hearts of Tigers team. Peter who is a long standing member of the church was himself involved in a serious accident some years ago leaving him registered blind. This Christmas he is doing two short walks on the 8th and 9th December to raise money for Walking with the Wounded and Help for Heroes. Please take a look at this website for more information on how to donate www.walkinghomeforchristmas.com/teams/hearts-of-tigers

From your Churchwardens

The office staff are very busy at this time of year. Please think carefully before you increase their workload. They should only be asked to do typing or printing for church groups. If this is a problem then please speak to one of us.

Thank you, Judy and Lesley

Barnabus

As the cold winter weather arrives, life is even harder for the homeless and rough sleepers. Please consider giving **clothes, food and Festive treats**; or give a donation; or consider a Reverse Advent Calendar, instead of receiving something for yourself each day, place a suitable item for those in need in a box. Please see the notice above the Barnabus boxes and on the noticeboards for more details. **Contact Mary Ballantyne 0161 941 2602**

St Peters Christmas Lunch Friday 28 December 1.00pm Veranda Room St Peter's House. A St Peters Christmas lunch is being held in the Veranda Room at St Peter's House. There will be a 3 course lunch and festive activities, all are welcome. Please use the sign up sheet at the back of church. **Contact Laura Evans 07976 894419**

SolarAid

SolarAid is one of the charities being supported by St Peter's Mission in Action this year. The group buys stocks of lights directly from SolarAid to provide funds to help families in Africa without access to electricity. Mission in Action buys lights from the charity and then sells them on at the same price. Two models are available: a small light at £10 and a more powerful one at £50, they would make wonderful Christmas presents. Please see the notice boards for further information. **Contact Keith Neal 0161 980 3343.**

Be a Santa to a Senior If you would like to donate a gift to a Senior this Christmas please see the notices around church. All you need to do is purchase a gift and drop it off at one of our local collection points Sainsburys Hale or Barclays Hale.

Churches Together in Hale, Local Carol Services 2018

Sunday 9th December 4.00pm

Carols by Candlelight Family Service Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church, Hale Barns

Sunday 9th December 6.30pm

Carol Service at Altrincham Baptist Church, Hale Road

Wednesday 12th December 5.30pm

Carols at the Crossroads in Timperley Village (Churches Together in Timperley)

Sunday 16th December 4.30pm

Christmas Carols in John Leigh Park, Altrincham (Altrincham Christians Together)

Wednesday 19th December 7.30pm

Community Carol Concert with guest choirs at All Saints' Church, Hale Barns

Thursday 20th December 6.30pm

The Bulls Head, Hale Barns

Saturday 22nd December 6.45pm

Christmas Carols with the Salvation Army Band

Outside All Saints' Church, Hale Barns

Sunday 23rd December 10.30am

Carol Service at The Vine Methodist Church, Hale

Sunday 23rd December 3.00pm

Carol Service followed by seasonal refreshments at Altrincham United Reformed Church, Cecil Road, Hale

Sunday 23rd December 6.30pm

Service of 9 Lessons and Carols at St Peter's Church, Hale

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