

Welcome to St Mark's & St Peter's with St Andrew, Levenshulme



July 2026

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.' – Matthew 14.23

Our Regular Activities for July

	Zoom	St Mark's	St Peter's
Tuesdays & Thursdays	9.15am Morning Prayer		
Wednesdays	7.45pm Bible Group	10am Tots Group	7.45pm Bible Group

Thursdays 7.30pm Home Group

Sunday 5 th		10am MW	11.15am HC
Sunday 12 th		10am HC	11.15am MW
Sunday 19 th		10am HC	11.15am MW
Sunday 26 th		10am Children & Family	11.15am HC

HC = Holy Communion; MW = Morning Worship

News & events

As a church we are committed to loving all of God's people and keeping them safe. One way in which we do this is by having procedures and controls to safeguard our young or vulnerable people. Carolyn will be leading an **in-person training for safeguarding**. You need only attend one of the sessions. The sessions will be obligatory for those working with young people or on the PCC's.

The dates are **Monday 6th July between 7pm & 8.30pm or Saturday 11th July between 10am and 11.30am**. Both of these sessions will be at St Peter's church.

If you have completed the online course then you don't need attend.

Brick Church. On Thursday 9th and 16th July from 3.30pm to 5pm we will be holding our first 2 'Brick Church' sessions at St Peter's. Brick Church is church but using Lego. It is aimed at Primary School aged children but is also appropriate for those going into High school. We will be asking parents to stay. Do promote this. There will be a flyer in church to give to your friends. See Katie if you are interested in helping or want more info.

Holy Communion at **Moseley Court** will be at 2pm on Thursday 9th July

We have a **Scripture dialogue group with the Mosque** on Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm. We will be exploring a theme, with us giving the Biblical perspective and the Mosque leaders sharing the Quranic view. See George if you are interested in getting involved.

The next Ladies breakfast is on 25th July at 9am at St Peter's. All ladies welcome. Please do let Val P or Harriet know if you can come.

Prayers

God's healing and restoration for: Pat, Samantha, Claire, Julie, Nora, David, Judith, John, Jerry, Galina and Slaviana.

Prayers: Dear Lord, may we feel surrounded by your loving presence. In the stillness, quiet our racing thoughts and release us from all that pulls us away from You. Release us from our doubts, fears, and need to be in control. Teach us to be still and to know that You are God. In Your loving embrace, may we be restored and refreshed with you. Amen.

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by George

As I write this we've come to the end of one of the hottest weeks that I can remember in the UK. Days when it has felt almost too hot to go outside and certainly not to stay in the sun too long.

I've also looked at the plants in our garden and some of them have been particularly struggling. In our own angst at the temperature, we almost forgot to water those plants that needed it most.

And I guess that can be a metaphor for times in our spiritual journey.

In Matthew 14, Jesus had just fed the 5,000 men, plus additional women and children. There must have been people everywhere and we are told in verse 23: *'And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone'*

Jesus, even Jesus, needed time to take himself away from things to be with his Father. Time in quiet, prayer and worship.

I'm not someone who always finds quiet time very easy. A former bishop of Bolton wrote in a book something that I've found very helpful. He spoke about us needing to find stillness rather than silence.

So how about you? Is life very busy, are there many things that try to take you time and attention? Are you struggling to find quality time for God?

All of our journeys with the Lord certainly need times of nourishment. Times when we take ourselves aside from the busyness of life, come away from the heat and spend time with God being fed before we too shrivel.

Maybe you can find some time this summer to prioritise the Lord.

With my love and prayers

George

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