

Parish Profile of St Peter's Hale



Introduction

The Parish Church of St Peter's Hale is a Christian community of and for all ages, in which everyone is welcome. Our aim is to grow together: in faith, in fellowship, in number. We grow together in Christ through our worship, certainly, but also through the many groups and activities we are fortunate to have.

We are a busy parish where every person matters and every person is important to us.

General Information on Hale

Hale village is about 9 miles southwest of Manchester. It is an electoral ward within the



Metropolitan Borough of Trafford. There is busy high street with good amenities, local supermarkets and small independent shops as well as many excellent restaurants. The area is popular with both families and businesses because of its excellent commuter links, nearby motorways and airport enable national and international travel and there are also trams into Manchester from Altrincham. Despite being so close to the motorway it is close to the River Bollin and surrounded by beautiful countryside. The earliest documented reference to Hale is in the Domesday Book of 1086, although the name of the settlement is probably as old as 7th or 8th century. The area was mostly agricultural but now Hale, Bowdon and Hale Barns together encompass some of the wealthiest parts of England.

Hale Central ward has three out of 63 seats on Trafford Borough Council, and as of the 2018 local election all three seats were held by the Conservative Party. Hale forms part of the

Altrincham and Sale West Constituency and is represented in the House of Commons by the Conservative Member of Parliament Sir Graham Brady.

According to the Office for National Statistics, at the time of the Census 2011, Hale had a population of 10,350 with a 51.2% female-to-male ratio. Of those over 16 years old, 27.9% were single (never married) and 56.4% married. Within Hale households there are 19.6.% people living alone, 55.3% married couples living together and 11.3% were co-habiting couples.

2011 UK Census	Hale
Population of working age	7,309
Full-time employment	3,147
Part-time employment	985
Self-employed	1,197
Unemployed	174
Retired	792

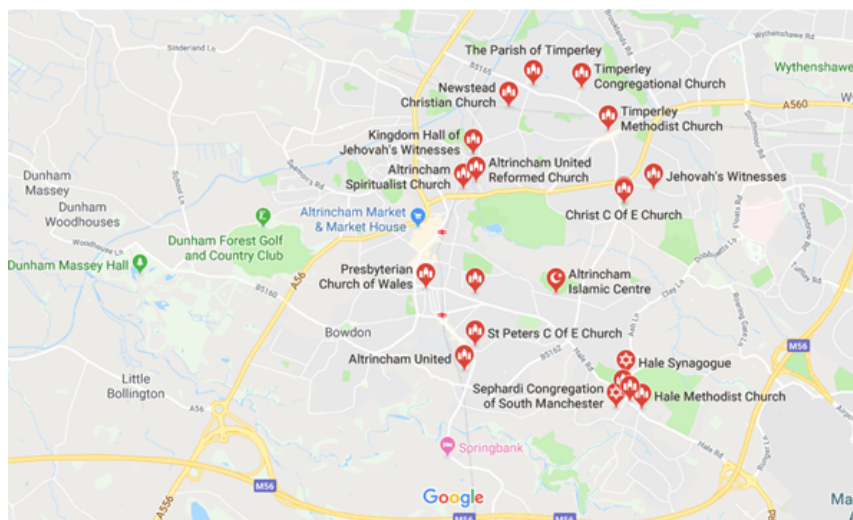
In 1931, 26.4% of Hale's population was middle class compared with 14% in England and Wales, and by 1971, this had increased to 56.3% compared with 24% nationally.

Religion in Hale

According to the 2011 UK census, 63.5% of Hale's residents reported themselves as being Christian, which is a fall of 8% since 2001. Of other religions identified in the area are 3.4% Jewish, 2.0% Muslim, 0.8% Hindu, 0.3% Buddhist, and 0.1% Sikh. The census recorded 22.6% as having no religion which has increased from 11% in 2001, 7% did not state their religion.

Within a 1 mile radius of St Peter's Hale there is St Mary's Bowdon (CofE), All Saints Hale Barns (CofE), Altrincham United Reformed Church, Altrincham Baptist Church, Hale & District Hebrew Congregation, Altrincham and Hale Muslim Association Cultural Centre, Holy Angels (Roman Catholic), Hale Methodist Church.

We are part of a very active 'Churches Together in Hale' group and regularly share resources and worship. During Lent there is a wooden carved boat that goes to each church in the local area and each Sunday in August worship takes place at a different church to bring congregations together. Every November leaders of different faiths come together for a civic Act of Remembrance at the local war memorial.



Transport

Hale is near the transport interchange in Altrincham for buses, trains and trams; and only 4 miles west of Manchester International Airport. Hale railway station is on the Mid-Cheshire Line between Chester and Manchester. Hale is linked by the M56 to the M6, M60 and M62. By train from Manchester Piccadilly takes just over 2 hours to London.

Schools

The local area has eighteen primary schools, one special school and seven secondary schools, including three grammar schools; the Trafford district has a selective education system. Several of Altrincham's secondary schools have specialist status and were all rated as outstanding in their most recent Ofsted reports, consequently they are often oversubscribed. More information and current Ofsted reports can be found via the following weblink:

<http://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/schools.aspx>



Sport and Leisure

There are many restaurants, coffee shops, cafes and bars in Hale catering for all age groups, tastes and budgets.



In the centre of the village is a bowling green, tennis club and library plus a great selection of independent shops. Hale is very near two National Trust properties: Dunham Park and Tatton Park. Also the listed Grade II 16 acre Stamford Park is within walking distance and has a sports park with areas for cricket and football.



Nearby Altrincham has two theatres, the Altrincham Garrick Playhouse and the Club Theatre. Altrincham and District Athletics Club was founded in 1961, and provides training facilities for track and field. Altrincham is one of the few towns in North West England with an ice rink, and has had an ice hockey team since 1961. Manchester Phoenix have a professional presence in the English Premier Ice Hockey League and an extensive junior development aspect. Altrincham F.C., nicknamed 'The Robins', were founded in 1903, they play in the Conference North League. Near the ice rink is the community leisure centre and over the railway bridge is the Vue Cinema.



There are two local rugby teams, Altrincham Kersal and Bowdon which have teams of all ages. Nearby Bowdon has a cricket, hockey and squash club and Ashley has a long established cricket club, opposite St Elizabeth's church.



Our Church Buildings

St Peter's was dedicated on 16 June 1892 and is an unspoilt example of late Victorian/ Arts and Crafts architecture.

The church was reordered in April 2011; our aim was for a clear, open, welcoming space where people can connect to God. We have oak chairs, a moveable dais, shining wood-block floors, excellent lighting and sound system; creating a beautiful bright, flexible, calm, modern interior that can be used for different types of services and worship, recitals and concerts.



St Peter's maintains two well-equipped community based resources: St Peter's Assembly Rooms and St Peter's House.

These are used by church organisations but are also available for hire for small to medium sized activities. The two facilities are very different. St Peter's Assembly Rooms contain a large hall with stage, a smaller hall and a large well equipped kitchen. The local scouts meet in the building attached to the Assembly Rooms. St Peter's House comprises small meeting rooms and a kitchen.



St Peter's Vicarage is a beautiful Victorian detached home with 5 bedrooms, a family bathroom, kitchen, utility room, downstairs cloakroom, study, lounge and dining room. The house is within the church grounds but has a large fenced off garden and separate drive for privacy.



Worship@StPeter's

A typical Sunday service pattern

8.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

6.30pm Evensong / Evening Prayer

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2nd Sunday of each month: Family Praise at 11.30am

Choral Evensong 6.30pm

3rd Sunday of each month: All Age Morning Prayer 10am

5th Sunday of each month: Taize Service 6.30pm

During the week;

Morning Prayer 8:30am in Church every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Wednesday Holy Communion 10am in the Chapel at St Peter's House followed by Morning Coffee – everyone welcome.



Babies@StPeter's

We have a Baby Group that meets every Monday for carers, mums to be and babies from new-born to toddler in the Garden Room of St Peter's House. Most of these babies then progress on to our Toddler Group.

Toddlers@StPeter's

Our toddler group meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at St Peter's Assembly Rooms. We are a very friendly and relaxed group that welcomes children from birth to school age during term time. Our aim is to connect parents, grandparents and child-minders in the local area, and to provide a fun, safe environment for children to play and interact. The Toddler Groups are run by a committee of volunteers and supported by the administrator in the Parish Office.



Children@StPeter's

We believe that children are never too young to come to church - and they are welcome at all services at St Peter's. It is important that children know they are a valued part of St Peter's church family and that they grow up in faith through public worship, learning alongside the whole church to praise, listen, learn, pray and serve. In church there is a children's area at the front with toys, books and activities. After the service there are refreshments including juice and biscuits served in St Peter's House (toilets and baby changing facilities are available).



We run our Sunday School during school term time with 3 different groups catering for different ages, from pre-school to Year 6. The church family meets together in St Peter's for the start of our service at 10am after the first hymn the children move to St Peter's House to learn about Jesus, grow in faith and enjoy being together and then re-join the service in church in time to receive communion together.

There are both Scouting and Guiding Troops in Hale. They visit St Peter's as part of their regular activities and occasionally attend Parade services (Mothering Sunday, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday) at the 10am service.

Families@StPeter's

About 4 times a year, we host events for families to grow in faith together. These events are often linked to Church festivals e.g. Christmas, Easter, Harvest, and usually follow a Family Praise which is a toddler service on the second Sunday of the month, from 12-3pm.

We share food, stories, crafts and activities linked to the festival or Christian theme. 'Family, faith and fun' provide opportunity for families to grow together in their relationships with God, with each other and with other families in the church.



Mission@StPeter's

St Peter's Church gives 10% of its voluntary income to supporting projects and initiatives in the UK and overseas – we encourage members of our congregation to get directly involved. As a Christian organisation St Peter's has been actively involved, for many years, on a personal level with many causes locally, nationally and overseas. Through this, a far-reaching network of contacts has been established, often working at a grass roots level, within communities. Several members of St Peter's have chosen to form close associations with some of these causes, giving freely of their time and talents to help people. They have been able to go out into sometimes difficult and often distant communities, forging links and focussing help. This combination of financial support, personal contact, hands on work and encouragement makes for effective, rewarding and successful partnerships both at home and overseas.

Faith@StPeter's

At St Peter's there are lots of opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith through: regular home groups and church activities, Bible study discussion groups, Adult Confirmation group, Pilgrim course, Foundations for Ministry, Adult Discipleship groups and a monthly Family Praise Service aimed specifically at young families with babies and preschool children.

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Growing: **Adult Discipleship**

Music@StPeter's

The choir which varies in numbers, is a friendly and welcoming group, open to all ages. Some join the choir unable to read a note of music, a few are professional musicians, but together they sing to a high standard each Sunday at the 10am service and for Evensong twice a month. We have a talented Director of Music and Organist who are keen to ensure the music at St Peter's continues to grow.



Fellowship@StPeter's

We have groups of all ages that meet regularly to build friendships, connections and community involvement, some are: Men's Breakfast, Church Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, monthly Ploughman's Lunches, Bridge Circle. We also run 'Young@Heart' days for older members of our local community.

Support@StPeter's

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."

Anyone living within our parish can be visited at home by a member of our church's Parish Visiting Team, which is organised by a parishioner. Members of our team are drawn from across the parish and we offer this service confidentially to help support the lonely, housebound or ill.

Recreation@StPeter's

We have a variety of groups that meet supporting recreation. These include outdoors, hobbies and interests some are:

St Peter's Outdoor and Rambling Society (Sprouts), a talented Flower Guild who decorate church and a team of volunteers who make delicious homemade food for church events.

Participation@StPeter's

We like to encourage everyone of any age to get involved with supporting the Sunday services and have a growing number of Servers, Lectors, Intercessors, Sidespeople, Welcomers, Chalice Assistants, Chimers, Sunday School leaders, Deputy Church Wardens and Vergers who all add to the smooth running of our church.

Leadership@StPeter's

We currently have 25 members on our Parochial Church Council including 5 Deanery Synod representatives and two Churchwardens. We actively encourage people to get involved and give us their ideas, suggestions and feedback so that we can continually improve to best serve our parish, community and Jesus Christ.



Staff@StPeter's

Parish Office Manager:	Claire Hanrahan
Parish Office Administrator:	Maxine Ashton
St Peter's Buildings & Facilities Manager:	John Wooler
St Peter's Buildings & Facilities Assistant:	Beth Wooler
Verger Sundays and occasional offices:	Alice Brown
Director of Music:	Ellie Slorach
Organist:	George Herbert
Youth Worker:	Matt Buckley

Ministry@StPeter's



Reader: Julie Withers

Reader Emeritus: John Moss



More Information

If you want to find out more about St Peter's Church; please visit our website www.stpetershale.org.uk, telephone the Parish Office on 0161 928 3374 or call in to St Peter's House, 233 Ashley Road, Hale WA15 9SS any weekday, or do come and join us on a Sunday. We look forward to welcoming you.

