



ST. PETER'S
— SHIPLEY —

The vision of St Peter's Church is to see the town of Shipley changed by the power of God. We want to see this happen through a Church which is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and committed to the Word of God, which serves others in order to bring God's Kingdom. We want St Peter's to become a key transforming community bringing about this change, as a church alive with the joy of knowing and worshipping Jesus Christ.

Sunday 4th December 2022 2nd of Advent



Worship This Sunday

9:30am All Age Worship

Advent Hope
Matthew 3.1-12
(Mark Davies & John Rainer)

11:00am Holy Communion

Advent Hope
Isaiah 11.10 and Matthew 3.1-12
(Viv Brealey)

6:30pm Evening Reset

Advent Hope
Micah 4.1-7 : 1 Thes 5.1-11
(John Rainer)

*Following Jesus – making disciples –
serving others*

This week: 5th December – 11th December

Monday	9.00am Morning Prayer online 10.30am Digital Inclusion Course 7.00pm Bradford & Aire Valley Co-Anon Family Group	Lounge Upper Room
Tuesday	From 9.15am TinyBeats (Book Here)	Lounge
Wednesday	9.00am Morning Prayer online	
Thursday	2.00pm Active Seniors Christmas Party	Lounge
Friday	9.00am Morning Prayer online 9.30am See & Know 10.30am Warm Spaces 7.15pm Youthie	Church Lounge Lounge
Sunday 11th December	11.00am Morning Worship 3.30pm Messy Church 8.00pm Risen	Church Church & Lounge Upper Room

Daily Readings

Online daily prayers are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week. The set readings for the week are as follows. You can find liturgy for prayers for the week on our website [here](#).

5th December – 10th December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning Prayer					
Ps. 30 Isa. 45. 14-end 1 Thess. ch. 1	Ps. 56 Isa. ch. 46 1 Thess. 2. 1-12	Ps. 62 Isa. ch. 47 1 Thess. 2. 13-end	Ps. 54 Isa. 48. 1-11 1 Thess. ch. 3	Ps. 86 Isa. 48. 12-end 1 Thess. 4. 1 – 12	Ps. 145 Isa. 49. 1-13 1 Thess. 4. 13-end
Evening Prayer					
Ps. 144 Matt. 14. 1-12	Ps. 11 Matt. 14. 13-end	Ps. 10 Matt. 15. 1-20	Ps. 73 Matt. 15 21 -28	Ps. 90 Matt. 15. 29-end	Ps. 94 Matt. 16. 1-12

Next Week's services

As we approach Christmas, please be aware that the service pattern may not be what you expect! Next Sunday (11th December) there will be no All Age Service because of the Messy Christmas Party at 3.30pm. **The morning service will be at 11.00am (Holy Communion) preceded by refreshments in church.**

Sunday 18th December

In two weeks' time on the fourth Sunday of Advent there will be one morning service at 10.30am. This will be an All Age service containing Holy Communion. In the evening the church will be open **from 6.00pm** for seasonal refreshments followed by **Carols by Candlelight from 7-8pm.**

Christmas Cards

Instead of buying lots of Christmas cards for the congregation this year we will provide a board for everyone to send their Christmas greetings.

Bill Shepherd

It is with much sadness that we pass on news of the death of Bill Shepherd on 30th November. Details of his funeral will be circulated in due course. Your prayers are requested for his sons David, Peter and Mike, and the wider family.

Funeral of Joyce Sweiss

Joyce's funeral will be on **Tuesday 20th December at 11.15am in church.** Please continue to pray for Suheil and for her children Karim, Janette, Laith and Nadim.

Warm Spaces : Fridays 10.30am – 2.30pm

Thank you for all your continued support and help with Warm Spaces. For those wishing to help, the sign up sheet is on the Welcome Desk. **The 16th will have a Christmas theme. Please do sign up for the 23rd and 30th December.** Continued thanks to the Orange Grove, Saltaire who are donating all the soup ingredients and to Melvyn Davies who are donating bread each week.

Please do continue to come along and support us.

If you have any questions or would like to know a bit more then please do speak to Sue Pedley, Karen Parkinson, Louise Forbes or have a word with Kerry in the office.

Red Post Box Appeal 2022-23

Last week we launched this annual appeal for the Christmas and New Year season. We would like to bless (1) our own Helping Hands fund, (2) the work of

BEACON amongst asylum seekers in Bradford and (3) our link with My Father's House and The ReVive House in Brazil.

If you would like to know more of the work of BEACON please take a copy of the latest Annual Report from the Welcome Table. Much of the current work is supporting the large number of asylum seekers who are waiting very long times to have their cases processed by the Home Office.

You can donate to the appeal either via cash in the Red Post Box at services OR you can use the relevant button on the card payment machine. The appeal will remain open until the third Sunday in January.

Men's Curry Night

Men's curry night at Shimla Spice Shipley Thursday 29th December 6.30pm. Don't forget take your own alcoholic drinks. Please sign up on list on welcome desk or email martinrforbes@gmail.com. Thanks Martin

Marthas and Arthurs

A big THANK YOU to all on the Marthas and Arthurs team who serve coffee on Sunday mornings. It's a great team to be part of, bringing warmth and encouraging fellowship. We're recruiting to the team for next year. If you can help (approx. once every 5 weeks), please get in touch. Helen Scott (mobile: 07941713632. Email: helsplatt@hotmail.com). Thank you 😊

Inn Churches Winter Shelter

Shipley Baptist Church will be hosting the Inn Churches winter shelter from Monday 9th January - Monday 16th January.

If you would like to sign up to volunteer, please follow this link (It would be good to have a mixture of females and males for each shift):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11zoN-3uAwpiBtGwNzMyjv-bqqkYhMIkNbnVtwseOQzk/edit?usp=sharing>

(If you are unable to click into this link, please paste it into your browser)

For more information about the volunteer roles or if you have any questions, please get in touch by email catherinefroud@hotmail.com, or feel free to give me a call on 07756 675029. Thank you, Cath Hardy

Shipley Christians Together newsletter

The Shipley Christians Together Christmas newsletter is now available online at <https://mailchi.mp/shipleychristianstogether.org.uk/chistmas-2022-newsletter> if you would like to receive your own copy in the future please subscribe using the link at the top of the newsletter.

Yemen & Joy

Yemen - The container has arrived safely in Yemen. Please pray for safe transit through customs.

Joy - Any old candle wax is wanted to make small wax stove/burners for the soldiers to heat their kettles on.

Also instant pasta , cuppa soups etc, sleeping bags, torches (and batteries), dressings, bandages, warm wool socks, gloves and hats. etc etc

We'll be loading up the next consignment to go out in the convoy on Dec 6th- please pray for the safety of the drivers. We will carry on sending supplies every few weeks thereafter. Thank you for some wonderful soldiers Christmas parcels, and for all your generosity. God bless you all. Kathy

Saturday morning prayers

If you'd like to join a prayer meeting, for both thanksgiving and intercession, this Saturday morning at 10 am for around half an hour, it would be great to see or hear you. Just click the link below, input the password below if asked (not sure you need to). You may need to download zoom if you haven't used it before. You can do this on most PCs, laptops, iPads or smart phones. You may want to check this out before the session if not used before. If you have any questions, then ring me on 01274 510951.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77815506024?pwd=kQdwaDs3FpfUchSrUynNDmaT6eA4TV.1>

Meeting ID: 778 1550 6024

Passcode: 09DiLu

TakeTime Advent meditations on Zoom

As we move in to Advent, you are welcome to join me (Helen Scott) for 20 mins on Zoom. Enjoy a relaxation exercise and a guided meditation based on the Christmas story.

Dates: Weds 7th , 14th, and 21st Dec

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5453966983> Meeting ID: 545 396 6983

Feedback from previous sessions... "Beautifully calming", "Powerful and relaxing", "I leave feeling replenished".

Why not give it a try? No pressure to speak or show your video.

For a weekly reminder email: helsplatt@hotmail.com. More info at: www.taketime.org.uk

Bradford North Foodbank - Shipley

Thank you to all for the Christmas Hamper donations.

We are still providing ordinary food parcels at this time and urgently need **Milk-UHT full fat and semi skimmed, hot chocolate, UHT fruit juice (not from the chiller cabinet), tinned custard, tinned potatoes and tinned fruit.**

Thank you. Anthea, Julie, Pete, Stuart and Sue

Eco - Sunday and Toilet Twinning update

Thank you for your support and donations for Toilet Twinning- we are delighted to announce that we have been able to twin all our toilets with loos in Honduras, Afghanistan, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo. (Certificates on their way)

We know that some of you also opted to twin your own loo or fridge/ tap etc - it would be lovely to know about these (just to get an idea of numbers/ response) for evidence for our next level Eco church award - so if you are happy to let Gemma / Jackie know -that would be helpful- you can now email us on our new email below.

You will see we have started using some more environmentally friendly washing up liquid and hand soap in refillable containers. The products are supplied by Refill Shipley who deliver with an electric vehicle - we are able to return the larger containers they are delivered in too for reuse so are massively reducing the single use plastic we re using. Thanks to Kerry, Kathryn& Martin for managing this for us.

It was great to see and speak to so many at our 3 special services focused on the environment at the end of October- if you missed anything - there are still some handouts on the welcome table with tips on reducing single plastic, toilet twinning (but no more donations needed at the moment) and some prayers for you to use at home.

Jackie & Gemma Eco@stpetes.org.uk

Eco Tip

This week's eco tip comes from Christine Woodward, buy milk in glass bottles that can be returned and reused again. Have you an eco challenge or tip to share? Please email gemmarichards15@hotmail.com

Who's Who

The Who's Who is available and copies are being kept in the safe to comply with GDPR regulations. If you would like one, please request one from a Warden. They cost £2.50. We regret we cannot send out copies by email.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those who are ill or have other needs, especially members of St. Peter's family: John and Barbara Arkley, Adele Attwood, Lis Bals, Jo Baxter, Maureen Bragg, June Coulton, Hazel Fawley, Glenys Gillow, Moira Gledhill, Lorna Hartley, Gina Hearne, Ian Hearne (Gina's son), Rowena and Keith Hodgson, Pat Hornby, Barbara Lehane, Jeff Parkinson, Val Ross, Joyce Taylor, Margaret Wilkinson and Joan Yeates.

Mission Partner News

Alice Shirengo

Recently Jose, the youngest of Alice's foster children has been diagnosed with a hernia which needs urgent surgery. There is no NHS in Kenya. Please include this little boy in your prayers.

Secondly, unbeknown to us, Alice has opened a chicken farm on her land. She had around 200 chickens ready to go to market this Christmas. Very tragically, they have been struck down with some sort of bird infection, which has swept through her chickens at an alarming speed. She is left with only 3 birds at this time. They had not been inoculated as she didn't have the money when she purchased the chicks, she was saving for this but the disease struck so suddenly. She is very shaken by this and is struggling to understand why this has happened. Please pray for Alice as it is the first time we have ever known her be shaken by what the world has thrown at her. Pray that she will remain faithful and be able to see the way forward from this point.

ReVive House, Olinda, Brazil

After 4 years of work, we are delighted to share with you that this week we placed our first child into a foster family.

On Tuesday afternoon Rayane, our social worker and Vera, our psychologist, had the privilege of introducing Dona Claudia to Matthew, a 5-year-old little boy. He is now settling in to foster family life, as our team works with his biological family to work towards a healthy re-integration.

Our team is also working hard to find more foster families, by visiting schools, churches and medical clinics speaking about this new service and distributing flyers. Our next foster parent training course will start in January.

Thank you so much for all your prayers in the last few years. Please pray with us; -For Matthew and Dona Claudia as they get to know each other.

- For more families to attend the training.
- For new supporters, to help finance this growing work.


Local charities

Please also pray for the local charities we support – BEACON, the Zephaniah Trust, the CAP Debt Centre and the Bradford North Food Bank.

A HELPING HAND

We operate a Helping Hands Fund for any member of our congregation struggling financially. This is there to help with short term one-off needs. You can pick up a leaflet with more information from the welcome desk or church office or contact Mandy Thorlby (mandythorlby@gmail.com, or 07801 138180). If you'd like to donate to the Helping Hands Fund, please contact Andy Thorlby thorlbya@yahoo.co.uk or 01274 510951, or make a donation in the usual way into the church, clearly identified as "Helping Hands Fund".

This Church operates a Safeguarding Policy in line with national and diocesan guidelines. Our Safeguarding Officer is Frances Agar, (01274 780528). Child Line can be contacted on 0800 1111.

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