|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| new logo  **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 19th March 2023**  **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  **A picture containing text, accessory  Description automatically generated**  **Worship This Weekend**  **Saturday**  **5:30pm Refresh**    **Sunday**  **11:00am Holy Communion**  Mothering Sunday  Psalm 127.1-4  Luke 2.25-35  (John Rainer)  **3:30pm Messy Church**    ***Following Jesus – making disciples – serving others*** |  |
|  |  |  |

|  |
| --- |
| **This week: 20th March – 26th March** |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Monday | 9.00am Morning Prayer online  7.00pm CoAnon Family Group | Upper Room |
| Tuesday | From 9.15am TinyBeats ([Book Here](https://www.tinybeatsshipley.co.uk/book-online?category=da3017da-3a31-4397-8854-75bbf668952d)) | Lounge |
| Wednesday | 9.00am Morning Prayer online  7.30pm Lent Course with Thomas Knight | Church |
| Thursday | 10.00am Diane’s Exercise Class  2.00pm Active Seniors | Lounge  Lounge |
| Friday | 9.00am Morning Prayer online  9.30am See & Know  10.30am Warm Spaces | Church  Lounge |
| **Saturday** | 10.00am Bradford Chorale Come and Sing  event – The Armed Man  6.30pm Performance of the Armed Man – tickets [here](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-bradford-chorale) | Church  Church |
| **Sunday 26th March** | 9.30am All Age Worship  11.00am Morning Worship  6.30pm Holy Communion | Church  Church  Church |

**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 on our website [here](about:blank).

**20th March 2022 – 25th March 2023**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **Morning Prayer** | | | | |  |
| Ps. 25; 147. 1-12  Isa. 11. 1 -10  Matt. 13. 54-end | Ps. 79  Jer. 18. 1 – 12  John. 10. 1 -10 | Ps. 63  Jer. 18. 13 -end  John. 10. 11-21 | Ps. 86  Jer. 19. 1-13  John. 10. 22-end | Ps. 102  Jer. 19.14- 20.6  John. 11. 1-16 | Ps. 111; 113  1 Sam. 2. 1 - 10  Rom. 5. 12-end |
| **Evening Prayer** | | | | |  |
| Ps. 1; 112  Matt. 2.13 – end | Ps. 80  Heb. 9.15 – end | Ps. 91  Heb. 10. 1 -18 | Ps. 94  Heb. 10. 19-25 | Ps. 85  Gal. 4. 1-5 | Ps. 131; 146  Heb. 2. 5-end |

**NOTICES**

**TakeTime – Lent series**

Are you wondering what TakeTime is?  This short video explains: <https://youtu.be/q-i77D2mnbA>

Not to compete with the Wednesday Lent sessions in church, which look very interesting, but as an online alternative that you can access from anywhere, as long as you have a device with Zoom on it…

Join me (Helen Scott) **8.30pm on…**

Wednesdays  **22nd, 29th March, 5th April**

Good Friday 7th April & Easter Sunday 9th April.

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

**Relax, have a break, enjoy the sense of peace.**  Just 20 mins long.

For a weekly reminder email: [helsplatt@hotmail.com](mailto:helsplatt@hotmail.com)

**Cake Sale at church Sunday 26th March**

Julia Slaney is doing a Cake Sale between the 9.30 and 11am services on Sunday 26th March to raise money for Bradford Refugee Forum. Please come prepared for a delicious snack!

**Save the Date:**

Saturday 15th July Missions BBQ 🌞🌞🌞☀️☀️☀️🔆🔆🔆at the Agars.

**Electoral Roll**

In readiness for our Annual Parish Meeting at the end of April, we are encouraging all those who have started to worship at St Peter’s recently to join the Electoral Roll of the church. This entitles you to vote at the Annual Meeting when elections take place for Wardens, PCC members etc. You should either reside in the parish OR have worshipped at St Peter’s for six months or more. You don’t need to re-apply if you are already on the roll. Forms are available on the Welcome Desk.

**An invitation from Christchurch  LEP Windhill**

**5 week course - The Followers of Jesus by John Birch**

The five studies look at New Testament characters who encountered Jesus at a point in their lives, either through curiosity or need, and the effect that encounter had upon their lives.

**The group will start at 10.30am** and the remaining dates are as follows: Wednesday 15th March, Wednesday 22nd March and Wednesday 29th March. For further information and / or details of the venue please contact Euan either by email or phone. [2013edw@gmail.com](mailto:2013edw@gmail.com) Mobile 0758 3855530.

**Plastic Free Shipley Community Meeting/AGM - 23RD MARCH 7PM**

@ Kirkgate Centre, Shipley, BD18 3EH

Share ideas. Hear from those involved. Find out how you can help. Cuppa and Cake – YAY! Bring a reusable cup. RSVP: [shirleypf@gmail.com](mailto:shirleypf@gmail.com) or just pop along.

**RESPONDING TO TODAY’S ISSUES**

**St Peter’s Lent Sessions 2023 - Dates for your diary.**

(All these sessions will begin at 7.30pm in church)

**March 22nd : Responding to the Debt Crisis**

For several years we have supported the CAP Debt Centre in Shipley. Thomas Knight (Manager) will be joining us to share something about the present situation, and what the future may hold.

**March 29th : Clergy and Lay Together.** We are hoping that Andy Norman, Diocesan Director of Training, will be joining us to talk about this aspect of the Diocese’s vision for the future.

**Bradford North Foodbank – Shipley**  
Thank you for all your donations which help us to be able to continue to feed people who need help and to signpost them to further support.  
 At the moment we need: **biscuits, hot chocolate, UHT Milk (whole milk and semi skimmed), UHT fruit juice(not from the chiller cabinet), chocolate, deodorant, shaving foam, shampoo and cat food.**

We are very short of **strong carrier bags** and would be great if you are able to donate some - old or new.   
Please remember to save **empty washing up liquid bottles** so we can decant  
washing up liquid to give to more people. Do ask your friends, colleagues and  
family to help as it takes a long time to get through a bottle of washing up liquid.

We would love to have more **volunteers** too. This does not have to be a weekly  
commitment.  Please have a word with one of us and it would be great to have  
you on the team.

Please continue to pray for the work of the foodbank, the people who come, the  
staff, and volunteers who give their time to support and listen to people in need.  
Thank you. Anthea, Julie, Pete, Stuart and Sue

**Messy Church Know**

This week at Messy Church we are looking at Jesus' invitation to accept his death on our behalf and live forever with him in the garden of the new creation. We will be giving people plenty of opportunity to respond to Jesus' invitation themselves. Please pray that those who come would be receptive to the Gospel. We will also be encouraging them to invite their friends along to our **Easter Special on 16th April.** Please pray for boldness to invite their friends and that their friends would respond by coming along!

**Warm Spaces : Fridays 10.30am – 2.30pm**

Thank you to you all your continued support and help on Fridays. For those wishing to help, the sign up sheet is on the Welcome Desk.  **Please sign up for the remaining dates in March.** Continued thanks to the Orange Grove, Saltaire, Melvyn Davies and Shipley College.

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 or have a word with Kerry in the office.

**Joy**

It is a difficult time at the moment with prices up and income down but the needs are ever greater. Having to lean heavily on the Lord. Please do pray for all we are doing. Kathy

**Saturday morning prayers**

Please join us on Zoom on Saturday 18 March at 10 am for half an hour or so of prayers online for each other, our church, community and wider world.  All are welcome. Please ring Gemma Richards on 07743122828 with any queries.  You shouldn't need a password but if you do it is hello.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77389989501?pwd=pAMZ9wa75sYPeocK4GaRSFDZeCnJfj.1>

Meeting ID: 773 8998 9501

Passcode: hello

**Eco Tips**

This week's eco tip is from Kathy Tedd about Tearfund's 'rubbish campaign',  trying to reduce the harm and deaths (1 every 30 seconds) caused by the fact that 2 billion people cannot safely dispose their rubbish. Psalm 113: v 7 - 8 indicates God has a different plan for his people. To find out how you can support Tearfund's campaign go to  [**tearfund.org/rubbish**](https://tearfund.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cd19eb0b2a74af14054950f15&id=648344970f&e=03c62baf15). Please email [gemmarichards15@hotmail.com](mailto:gemmarichards15@hotmail.com)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

**Mission Partner News**

**Focus on Sudan**

Last Wednesday some of us were able to hear recent Sudan news from Rhys North who recently visited Khartoum and Port Sudan.

Pray for Archbishop Ezekiel and his family as they seek to lead the church in Sudan through a time of inflation, immense social problems, and the lack of medical supplies during the Covid pandemic.

On Wednesday we heard more about St Matta’s in Omdurman, for which we held a Gift Day last year. Praise God that progress is being made as a result of our donations! Pray for God’s blessing upon their ministry to orphans, and to children in general who would otherwise receive no formal education. Pray that the money they are receiving from our Diocese will be effectively and wisely used.

Give thanks for the work of the Mothers’ Union in the Sudan church - often the most effective organisation there in addressing social problems and in evangelism.

|  |
| --- |
| **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@](about:blank)gmail.com, or 07801 138180). If you'd like to donate to the Helping Hands Fund, please contact Andy Thorlby   [thorlbya@yahoo.co.uk](about:blank)   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 Vose, T: (07972647427), E: safeguarding@stpetes.org.uk. Child Line can be contacted on 0800 1111.**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **CONTACT ST. PETER’S DAY OFF** | | | |
| **Vicar** | John Rainer | 01274 584488 | Friday |
| **Associate Priest** | Brian Greenfield | 01274 788345 | Friday or  Saturday |
| **Licensed Lay Minister** | Viv Brealey 07519 552231 | | |
| **Treasurer** | Mike Moss 07758 575653 | | |
| **Churchwardens** | Mervyn Silva 01274 419815  Gemma Richards 07743 122828 | | |
| **Children & Youth Worker** | Vacant | | |
| **Shipley Neighbours** | 07848413941 | | |
| **Pastoral Co-ordinators** | Carol Brown  Keith Brown | 01274 585242  01274 585242 |  |
| **Church Office** | Mon–Thurs  9.00am –12.30pm  Fri 9.00-11.00am | 01274 400381 |  |
| email.jpg | office@stpetes.org.uk | | |
| website.jpg | www.stpetes.org.uk | | |
| twitter.jpg | @StPetersShipley | | |
| Facebook's New Apple Watch App Kit Lets You Stay in Touch ... | /St. Peter's Church Shipley | | |