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| 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 2nd April 2023**  **Palm Sunday**    **Worship This Sunday**  **9:30am All Age Worship**  Hosanna!  Matt.21.1-11  (Mark Davies & John Rainer)  **11:00am Morning Worship**  Hosanna!  Ps. 118.19-end  Matt. 21.1-11  (Viv Brealey)  **6:30pm Stations of the Cross - Stations of our Planet.** A special Palm Sunday service reflecting on our need to lament as we follow the stations of the cross and as we consider the damage done to our planet.  ***Following Jesus – making disciples – serving others*** |  |
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| **This week: 3rd April – 9th April** |

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| Monday | 9.00am Morning Prayer online  5.30-6.30pm Stations of the Cross – Stations of our Planet (Prayer & Reflection)  7.00pm CoAnon Family Group | Church  Upper Room |
| Tuesday | 5.30-6.30pm Stations of the Cross – Stations of our Planet (Prayer & Reflection) | Church |
| Wednesday | 9.00am Morning Prayer online  2.00pm Well Together Singing Group  5.30-6.30pm Stations of the Cross – Stations of our Planet (Prayer & Reflection) | Lounge  Church |
| **Maundy Thursday** | 2.00pm Active Seniors  7.00pm Holy Communion at St Paul’s, Kirkgate, Shipley | Lounge  St. Paul’s |
| **Good Friday** | 9.00am Morning Prayer online  11.30am Gathering at St Paul’s before March of Witness  12 noon March of Witness to Shipley Town Square  2.00pm An Hour at the Cross | St. Paul’s  Shipley Town Square  Church |
| **Sunday 9th April (Easter Sunday)** | 10.30am All Age Holy Communion  No Evening service | 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).

**3rd April 2023 – 8th April 2023**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **Morning Prayer** | | | | |  |
| Ps. 41  Lam. 1. 1-12a  Luke. 22. 1-23 | Ps. 27  Lam. 3. 1-18  Luke. 22. [24-38]39-53 | Ps. 102  Jer. 11. 18-20  Luke. 22. 54-end | Ps. 42; 43  Lev. 16. 2-24  Luke. 23. 1-25 | Ps. 69  Gen. 22. 1-18  Heb. 10. 1-10 | Ps. 142  Hos. 6. 1-6  John 2. 18-22 |
| **Evening Prayer** | | | | |  |
| Ps. 25  Col. 1. 18-23 | Ps. 55. 13-24  Gal. 6. 11–end | Ps. 88  Rev. 14.18 – 15.4 | Ps. 39  Eph. 2. 11-18 | Ps. 130;143  John. 19. 38-end | Ps. 116  1 John. 5. 5-12 |

**NOTICES**

**Stations of the Cross - Stations of our Planet:** This Sunday evening (Palm Sunday) at 6.30pm our Eco Church group will be helping to lead us in a special service in which we will be reflecting on the lament we feel as we consider the stations of the cross that Jesus followed on his road to the cross and also on our lament for our failure to care properly for the earth. Jesus' resurrection brings the promise of new life and hope not just for us but all of creation and we will be reflecting on what that means. Please do join us if you can. In addition, if you  would like some quiet reflective space during Holy Week, the Church will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings between 5.30 and 6.30pm. The Stations of the Cross - Stations of our Planet material will be up around church to consider in your own time and there will be quiet space to reflect and pray individually.

**Sunday 2nd April Live@Costa**

at Costa Cafe, Market Street, Shipley at 6.30pm. A Palm Sunday special with music by John and Cath Froud. Organised by Shipley Christians Together. Entry is Pay as you Feel and Costa refreshments will be on sale. All welcome.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness - 7th April 2023**

The programme:

11.30 - Assemble at St Paul’s church for coffee/hot cross buns.  
11.45 - Short service in St Paul’s church.  
12.00 - Assemble on church path with cross and Shipley Churches banner and set off towards the town centre.  
12.20 - Assemble on Town Hall steps for prayers for the town.  
12.30 - Set off and walk to Market Square. Assemble with others at top of central steps.  
12.40 - Short service of hymns led by the Salvation Army, reading and a talk  
13.00 - End of service and head for Cuppacare for Soup/rolls, tea/coffee.

**TakeTime – Holy Week specials**

Join me (Helen Scott**) 8.30pm on…**

Wednesday **5th April** , Good Friday **7th April** & Easter Sunday **9th April**.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5453966983>

Meeting ID: 545 396 6983

What is TakeTime?  This short video explains: <https://youtu.be/q-i77D2mnbA>

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

For further info email: [helsplatt@hotmail.com](mailto:helsplatt@hotmail.com)

**Easter Memorial Flowers**

As always, we will be decorating the church with lilies and other flowers on Easter day to help celebrate the resurrection. In the past, some people have wished to make a small financial donation towards the cost of the flowers in memory of a loved one they have lost and whose names will be printed along with the church noticesheets on Easter Day. If you would find it helpful to do this, you can put a donation in the plates at the back of church or hand it to Mike or one of the wardens or bring it to the office. Please place your donation in an envelope marked “Easter Lilies” and please make sure you include a note with the name/s of those you wish to commemorate with your donation. Alternatively, you can make an electronic transfer to the church account, but please make sure you reference your payment ‘Easter Lilies’ so that Mike can track funds and please send a note or an email to Kerry in the office with the names of those you wish to commemorate. **Donations and funds need to be received by Monday 3 April please.**

**St Peter’s Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023**

This will take place on Sunday 30th April, when there will be a short service of worship at 9.30am followed by refreshments and Annual Business from around 10.20am. There will be activities for children whilst Annual Business is conducted : the meeting includes the election of Churchwardens, Deanery Synod and PCC members, receiving of the church accounts for 2022 and various statutory reports.

This year there are four vacancies for Deanery Synod members, two places on the PCC for three years, and a further place for two years as the result of a resignation. Nomination forms are available on the welcome desk ; **you must have the consent of the person concerned if you are nominating.**

**Coronation of King Charles III, May 2023**

On Sunday 7th May there will be only one service, at 10.30am in church for all ages. This will be followed by a party in the car park. Put this in your diary! Some community events are being organised for the extra Bank Holiday on 8th May and we will let you know about these in due course.

**Save the Date:**

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

**Electoral Roll**

This is now closed until after the Annual Parochial Meeting.

**Children’s and Youth Worker**

The PCC have been advertising for a new worker to replace Rachel. However, no applications were received by the closing date in mid-March. (This has been the experience of many churches in our position.) We are therefore keeping the advert open for the time being, but assessing whether perhaps we need something a little different going forward. Please pray for the Staff and PCC as we look again at this over the Easter period.

**St Peter’s Church Administrator role**

Those who were at the 11am service last week will be aware that Duncan and Kerry Milwain have announced the wonderful news that they are expecting a baby this summer. With timing only Kerry and Duncan could produce, the baby is due on the same day Duncan is due to be ordained deacon at the end of his ordination training! This means that we will be looking for someone to cover the church administrator post in the office when Kerry takes maternity leave, probably from early June. Ideally, we would like to have someone in a temporary cover post from early May to do a full handover with Kerry. The PCC continue to think and pray about the staffing complement we need to help support and run the church in the longer term and seek God’s will as to what that needs to be. This cover post will be an important step in that journey.  A job advert is attached with the notices and the full job description and application form are available from the church website or by contacting the office. Closing date for applications is Sunday April 16.

**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: **hot chocolate, UHT Milk (whole milk and semi skimmed), UHT fruit juice(not from the chiller cabinet), instant mash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and shampoo.**

We are very short of **carrier bags** for clients to carry food home in 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 - Chocolate needed!**

At April's Messy Church (16th April) we are going to be demonstrating God's extravagant grace by giving away LOADS of chocolate (and other healthier treats). Help us share the gospel by leaving donations of bags of individually wrapped chocolate eggs with no nuts (Aldi, Lidl and Co-op all sell fair trade versions) or snack bags of mini bread sticks (available at Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury's) in the box on the welcome desk. By Easter Sunday (9th April) if possible. Thank you! Jessica Criddle

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

Thank you to everyone for being part of Warm Spaces. We are taking a small break to enable us to prepare for the launch of Welcome Spaces. This will be very similar to Warm Spaces but the food menu may well change as the weather warms up!

We look forward to welcoming you all back on 28th April 2023. Please keep an eye our for the clipboard on the welcome desk with the dates to sign up for volunteering.

**Joy**

I am happy to share the exciting news that we have a trustworthy contact; a local NGO taking goods into Syria, who are providing houses for the homeless in partnership with a German NGO. We hope to make a start by sending school bags for an orphanage and school; a pump bag containing a pencil case with the usual contents, plus a notebook, colouring book, a hand towel, soap, toothbrush and paste, and a bar of chocolate!

Thanks 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/73265278285?pwd=mW7sHqaP0DbDnw7cwUkllGZgcbDW9T.1>  
Meeting ID: 732 6527 8285  
Passcode: xK6P4q

**Eco Tips**

Today's tip comes from Hugh Firman - to know what is going on locally in terms of a response to climate change by reading Shipley Climate Change's recent report at <https://shipleytowncouncil.gov.uk/2023/03/05/the-towns-citizens-jury-report-available-here-now/> Have you got an eco tip or challenge to share? 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**

**News from Brazil (ReVive)**

**We have received the following communication from Andy Roberts, International Mission Director for CMS and founder of ReVive International:**

As things stand, Revive will have to close one of our homes in the autumn. We need your help to provide the fostering service with more time so that we can smoothly transition all the kids in the home to foster families.

The fostering team are working hard talking in local churches to recruit and train new foster families - but it takes time. Fostering is such a new concept for many, it takes time to change culture. In order to close the home we will need around 5 foster families - two potential families are joining our training in the spring. The team need at least a year to get the right number of trained foster families in place.   
  
This means we need to try and secure at least a year's funding for the new home. We need to raise around an extra £7,000 per month (or around £90,000 for the year). A lot of you already give so generously, we are so grateful for that. I send this message mainly to ask you to pray for us and the situation... perhaps some of you might be able to help financially or know somebody who can! We are also approaching a number of trusts and funds both in the UK and the US to help fund Revive's work. Do be praying for a potential grant of $150k from the USA. If you can help us then please do get in touch. *(You can do this via the CMS website.)*

In other news, be praying for the new Alpha course which the team has started with the older teenagers, for our new volunteer, Lydia, from the UK and for the social shop (like a charity shop) which Revive has started in the local supermarket. We have the space for a month - give thanks for all the people who have passed through to purchase something and hear about Revive's great work.

*We have also received news from the Meldrums regarding My Father’s House which we’ll pass on to you next week.*

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| **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.**

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| **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 | | |
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