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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 21st May 2023**  **Sunday after Ascension**  What Are the Best Flowers to Plant in May? | Belle Fiori  **Worship This Weekend**  **Saturday**  **5.30 pm Refresh**  **Sunday**  **11:00 am Holy Communion**  Rules or what?  Mark 7. 1-23  (John Rainer)  **3:30 pm Messy Church**    ***Following Jesus – making disciples – serving others*** |  |
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| **This week: 22nd May – 28th May** |

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| Monday | 9.00am Morning Prayer online  7.00pm CoAnon Family Group  18.45pm Bradford Voice  For more information, please go to www.bradfordvoices.org.uk | Upper Room  Church |
| Wednesday | 9.00am Morning Prayer online |  |
| Thursday | 10.00am Diane’s Exercise Class | Lounge |
| Friday | 9.00am Morning Prayer online  9.30am See & Know  11.00am Welcome Space | Church  Lounge |
| Saturday | 8.45am Hot Aire Band practice. If you are interested in becoming a member, please visit: [www.hotaire.org](http://www.hotaire.org) | Lounge |
| **Sunday 28th May** | 9.30am All Age Worship  11.00am Morning Worship  6.30pm Holy Communion  8.00pm Risen | Church  Church  Church  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 on our website [here](about:blank).

**22nd May 2023 – 27th May 2023**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **Morning Prayer** | | | | |  |
| Ps. 98  Deut. 31. 1-13  1 John. 2. 18 -end | Ps. 99  Deut. 31. 14- 29  1 John. 3. 1- 10 | Ps. 29  Deut. 31.30 – 32.14  1 John. 3. 11 - end | Ps. 24  Deut. 32. 15 – 47  1 John. 4. 1 - 6 | Ps. 28  Deut. Ch. 33  1 John. 4. 7 – end | Ps. 43  Deut. 32. 48 - end  1 John. Ch. 5 |
| **Evening Prayer** | | | | |  |
| Ps. 18  Luke. 7. 36 - end | Ps. 68  Luke. 8. 1 – 15 | Ps. 46  Luke. 8. 16 – 25 | Ps. 139  Luke. 8. 26 – 39 | Ps. 147  Luke. 8. 40 – end | Ps. 48  John. 15.26 – 16.15. |

**NOTICES**

**Can u help?**

If you would like to help with **maintaining the church buildings** or the **upkeep of the church gardens,** please approach one of the Wardens or Mike Moss.

**Messy Church** on thethird Sunday of each month is looking for helpers with serving meals and clearing up in the lounge and kitchen at the end of sessions.

We are looking for individuals and families to link with our **Mission Partners**. Please talk to John Rainer if you would like to do this.

If these are not for you, but there is something you'd like to assist with in church, please speak to John or one of the wardens - we'd love to hear from you!'

**PCC Digest**

The PCC met on Monday 15th May. Following the request made at the APCM, a short digest of the business transacted is issued with this newsletter.

**Welcome Space: Fridays 11.00am – 2.00pm**

Please do sign up for the volunteering positions on the clipboard on the welcome desk for the remainder of May. We would like to thank ‘The Orange Grove’ for their continued support.

If anyone has a spare hand blender they’re happy to donate to ‘Welcome Space’ it would be most appreciated. Please talk to Annabel ([Annabel.rigby@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:Annabel.rigby@stpetes.org.uk)) if you can help. Thank you!

**Welcome Space Co-ordinator:** We have some external funding available to us to pay for a few hours of work per week for the next few months for a co-ordinator for the Welcome Space sessions which are taking place on a Friday morning. A job description and person specification is available from the Welcome Desk and on the website and anyone interested should submit a written Expression of Interest to the Church Office by May 31.

**Mens Group**

On 2nd June from 7pm we are having an evening of bowling, beer and pie at St Peters Bowling club, Fernhill Rd. Experience is not needed as members will be on hand to offer instruction. Cost will be pay as you feel, so please sign up on the sheet at back of church or drop me a text 07498919508 plus let me know if you want a vegetarian pie. Martin Forbes.

**Messy Church**

We are in the countdown to the summer holidays in children's work. There are only three Messy Church sessions left before we break for the summer, and we are going to spend those looking at the Trinity. In a break from the more traditional order, we are going to be looking at the person of Jesus today. Using much of the same material from Coronation Sunday, we will be looking at how Jesus wants to be our King and include us in his topsy-turvy kingdom. Please be praying that the people who come would be open to hearing the gospel and that the Holy Spirit would move their hearts to respond. Thank you, Jessica and the Messy Church team.

**Open Gardens – date for your diary.**

10th and 11th June, 1-5pm. 17 gardens will be open over the weekend. A lovely occasion in support of The Children's Society. £3 per adult. Programmes are now available on the welcome desk. Helen Scott

**Pentecost Praise**

Unfortunately, this proposed event has had to be postponed. SCT are hoping that an outdoor praise event can be organised for later in the summer.

**Joy**

The 40-foot container we will pack for Yemen, has been delayed and will now be packed on June 9th. Any help would be most welcome. Contact me, Thanks

We have had amazing messages from Yemeni people, injured and disabled, whose lives have been brightened and turned around by the donation of a wheelchair. Thanks to all of you for your donations and prayers.  Kathy

**Bradford North Foodbank – Shipley**  
A huge 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.   
During April 2023, we fed 265 people at Shipley. This is up from 201 people last  
year. At the moment we especially need:  **tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, hot chocolate, tuna, UHT Milk (whole milk and semi skimmed), UHT fruit juice (not from the chiller cabinet), instant mash, toothbrushes, and shaving foam.**  
Please remember to save empty **washing up liquid bottles**.    
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.

**Message from Jenni**

I would like to thank all of you for making me feel so welcome to St Peter’s. I already feel at home. I’m slowly getting to know you all and am looking forward to getting to know the rest of you.

**Saturday morning prayers**

Please join the online prayer group for half an hour or so of prayers by zoom on Sat 20 May at 10 am as we pray for the church, community, and wider world. All are welcome whether new or a regular.  If you have any questions, please ring Gemma Richards on 07743122828.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71928184359?pwd=CZFThHKb81y9GSG33lylkVL3EbGpu9.1>

Meeting ID: 719 2818 4359

Passcode: hello

**Eco Tips**

Making your finances (banking, insurance, etc.) sustainable is said to be one of the 'greenest' actions, we can take.  This website provides information on more ethical and sustainable financial providers: <https://thegoodshoppingguide.com/ethical-banks-and-building-societies/> 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, 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**

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| **From Julian Shelton (Wycliffe Bible Translators)**  I recently returned to work following my two-month **sabbatical.** Thank you for praying and for supporting me in taking this break from translation work. The time passed very quickly, but it was really beneficial, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to be refreshed in mind, body and soul - ready now to engage again with the work God has given me to do!  My online immersive **Hebrew course** didn't quite work out as planned: it was cancelled at the last minute. But I was able to use some other Hebrew materials - even if it wasn't quite so intensive. I also really enjoyed doing some **study** into biblical cosmology/worldview and themes in the Pentateuch - both of which have great relevance to my work in translation.  But my primary goal was to **slow down and deepen my relationship with God**. A recurring theme was John 15: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." I enjoyed dipping into various books and podcasts on spiritual formation and experimenting with spiritual practices - prayer, silence, sabbath, fasting, etc - as ways of helping keep me more connected to God throughout the day. **Please pray that I can continue these habits as I return to work, and that I will bear more fruit in my life!** |
| |  | | --- | | **From Cris Howitz in Oman**  Pray for the new church of St John   * for us to have a clear, united vision, and to build a strong sense of community together. * for us to be agents of growing the Kingdom of God right from the start. We don’t want to be just ‘reshuffling the pack’. * for all the administrative hurdles ahead of us. We need to get our governing documents in order and have a general meeting. We need to get a new bank account set up, which could take months, as well as other government related processes. * for the necessary funding to make this work! | |

**Sudan**

Please continue to pray for a truce to hold in Khartoum, and for the safety of Archbishop Ezekiel and the Christian community there. Also for those in the international community seeking to facilitate peace talks in Jeddah.

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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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| **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–Fri  9.00am –12.30pm | 01274 400381 |  |
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