



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.



# St Peter's

## Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024



*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."* Matthew 5:14

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***Following Jesus – making disciples – serving others***

## Services This Week & Next Week

**No Saturday afternoon prayers from June 29<sup>th</sup> for the time being!**

### Worship Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**8th after Trinity**

<b>Summer service pattern begins</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Firefighting: Moses and the burning bush Exodus 3:1-12 (Viv Brealey)	<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b> Summer Olympics! (Jessica Criddle)
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### Worship Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July

**9th after Trinity**

<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Firefighting: Daniel and the fiery furnace Daniel 3:8-28 (Rev Natasha Thomas)	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> I know that my Redeemer lives 1 Job 19:1-127a Luke 11:1-13 (Viv Brealey)
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### Daily Prayer and Readings

After a couple of weeks' break, we are changing online Morning Prayer so this will be taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am (ish) on the St Peter's page on Facebook – you can join live or watch the recording later. The set readings for the week are as follows. You can find the liturgy for prayers on our website [here](#).

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning Prayer</b>					
Ps. 30; 32; 150 1 Sam. 16. 14 - end Luke 8. 1-3	Ps. 36 1 Sam 15. 1- 23 Luke 23. 26- 43	Ps. 34 1 Sam. ch. 16 Luke 23. 44 - 56a	Ps. 7; 29; 117 2 King 1. 9-15 Luke 9. 46-56	Ps. 31 1 Sam. 17. 31- 54 Luke 24. 13- 35	Ps. 42 1 Sam. 17.55 – 18.56 Luke 24. 36 - end
<b>Evening Prayer</b>					
Ps. 63 Mark 15.40 – 16.7	Ps. 33 Jas. 2. 14- end	Ps. 119. 33-56 Jas. Ch. 3	Ps. 94 Mark 1. 14-20	Ps. 35 Jas. 4.13 – 5.6	Ps. 46 Jas. 5. 7 - end

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## A message from Rev Natasha Thomas: A massive thank you!

Dear Friends,

One of the joys about being a Christian is that we know that God wants us to have a close relationship with Him, as Jesus told us, God is our father in heaven. God is not a removed God, high in the sky, looking down ready to judge. Our God is a

loving one who wants us to know Him and to talk to Him regularly so that we can grow in our trust and knowledge of Him. He wants us to ask for help for ourselves and others.

1 Thessalonians tells us to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus in you. Do not quench the Spirit" (5:16-19)

We are to be alive in God, praising and responding to the love that He has shown us in all circumstances and at all times. God wants to be involved with us.

But prayer as I am sure you know is not just a solo act, it is also one to be done with others, for as we are told in Matthew 18:19-20 says "Truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them".

So, we pray in church and in home groups together for our world, community, church, neighbours and family. Knowing that God is with us and hears us. The response might not always be what we want or in the time that we want, but He does answer us. He also wants us to pray in detail, he wants us to know the issues so we can pray intimately and ask specifically.

As someone new to living in this parish, I want to get to know the issues of our community so that we can pray intimately and with love for our neighbours, so over the coming weeks I would like to start prayer walking every Tuesday at 9am for an hour around our parish. Starting at St Peter's and aiming to finish by 10am for a cuppa at church before starting the rest of the day.

It would be great if you wanted to join me, but if you can't then perhaps you might pray for your street where you live, or a particular coffee shop or shop you might visit in Saltaire, for the college, the school, Salts Mill (even though technically its not in the parish!) at around that time. God wants to know what our concerns are, and the Holy Spirit might be wanting to place things on your heart particularly to pray for in our community, and if He does please let me or the rest of the leadership team know, so we can all be blessed by God and join with you in that prayer.

Blessings,

**Natasha**

## Can you help?

### **Transport assistance**

We have recently learnt a few members of our congregation are wanting to come to the services at St Peter's but are unable to due to transport issues. Are you able and willing to assist our church family and help fulfil the church's pastoral responsibility by being part of a rota to take people to and from St Pete's? If this is something you can do, please speak to Keith and Carol Brown or Jenni who can pop you on the rota to help people come to church. Thank you.

### **Door Stewards – Volunteers needed**

We are looking to increase our pool of door stewards who do a really important job providing a warm welcome to people arriving at church and helping make sure our services run smoothly. The rota for this is very flexible and fits around your availability. If you're interested in helping with this, please speak to Gemma or Alan.

### **Crag Road Community Garden Volunteers needed**

Our friends at Shipley Christians Together have let us know that a new weekly Gardening Club has been set up as part of the Crag Road Community Hub in the Methodist building in Crag Road. They are looking for some volunteer gardeners who could offer some time to a rota, supporting their paid gardener. The club meets between 10am and noon on Wednesdays and anyone who could offer a session a month, or even once every two months, would be very welcome. They are also looking to start a small library of gardening books and would be grateful for any donations of books towards this, especially any to do with growing fruit or vegetables. If you can help, please email [cragroad@bradfordnorth.org.uk](mailto:cragroad@bradfordnorth.org.uk)

## Upcoming events

### **Mission Support BBQ – Thank you!**

It was great to see so many at Jason and Frances's for the annual summer BBQ to raise funds for our mission partners last weekend. Thank you so much for your presence and your contributions – both food and finance! If anyone left any bowls

or other items behind, please arrange to collect them from Frances ASAP. We will update you on the total raised when we have finalised all the accounts

### What's happening in St Peter's Church this week

<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Memory Tree	Lounge
	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Well Together Singing Group	Lounge
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Diane's Exercise Class	Lounge
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Welcome Space	Lounge

## Worship and discipleship

### Saturday Morning Zoom Prayers

I've set this link up for 3 Saturdays, please join if you are free to - I know we're in holiday season!

Please join us for half an hour or so of online prayer at 10 am on Saturday 20th/27th July at 10 am as we pray for ourselves, the church, and wider world. For any questions about using Zoom, or to pass on a prayer item to group, please contact [gemmarichards15@hotmail.com](mailto:gemmarichards15@hotmail.com) Password if needed is hello

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72321685420?pwd=faRsslvs21UpxcbFpx1HOqYnEM048s.1>

Meeting ID: 723 2168 5420

Passcode: hello

## Prayer and support

### Just in case

As a church community, we have a responsibility to support you in times of need and, if it is helpful, to let your chosen next of kin know what's happening with you. To do this we would like to collect some information about who you would like us to contact if the need arises. This is for anyone who would like us to hold this information for you, but especially those whose closest family and friends do not live locally or have an association with St Peter's. Your personal information will be safely stored under our strict GDPR policy. There are some printed forms on the Welcome Desk, alternatively please fill in the online '[Contact Form](#)' for more information please speak to a member of the staff team. Thank you.

### Prayer requests

Pray for those who are ill or have other needs, especially members of St. Peter's family: Barbara Arkley, Dave Atkin, Lis Bals, Alison Barnard, Jo Baxter, Maureen Bragg, Sue Dent, Hazel Fawley, Moira Gledhill, Rebecca Hall, Lorna Hartley, Albert Henning, Ian Hearne (Gina's son), Rowena and Keith Hodgson, Pat Hornby, Barbara Lehane, Ursula Moore, Joyce Taylor, Joan Yeates and the Wontner-Smith family. Please also continue to pray for Nancy Cusworth, Peter Dyer, Keith Scott and the families of Val Ross, Rita Stoney and Glenys Gillow following their bereavements.

### Prayer Ministry Team

We can all be helped by talking and prayer with others from time to time. This does not just have to be limited to times when we are ill, although prayer for physical healing is very powerful and important. The Prayer Ministry Team are there for anyone, during Communion, at 11am services. Please do go and see them in the Hope Chapel if you are needing prayer for anything and everything - a job interview coming up, health issues, grieving for someone who has died, either recently or some time ago, feeling anxious about something - or wanting to rejoice, celebrate and say thank you in happy times. They would love to spend time with you and anything shared is kept completely confidential. Thank you, The Prayer Ministry Team.

## Generosity and giving

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:thorlbya@yahoo.co.uk) or 01274 510951 or make a donation in the usual way into the church, clearly identified as "Helping Hands Fund".