



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 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024



*"But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light."* Ephesians 5:13

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

## Services This Week & Next Week

<b>Worship Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>			
<b>9th after Trinity</b>			
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Firefighting: 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 Job 19:1-27a Luke 11:1-13 (Viv Brealey)

<b>Worship Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>			
<b>10th after Trinity</b>			
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Firefighting: Pentecost tongues of flames Acts 2: 1-24 (Rev. Natasha Thomas)	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Walk Service</b> Details TBC

### 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](#).

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024</b>					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning Prayer</b>					
Ps. 44 1 Sam. 19. 1-18 Acts 1. 1-14	Ps. 48 1 Sam 20. 1-17 Acts 1. 15-end	Ps. 119. 57-80 1 Sam. 20. 18-end Acts 2. 1-21	Ps. 57 1 Sam. 21.1 – 22.5 Acts 2. 22-36	Ps. 51 1 Sam. 22. 6-end Acts 2. 37 - end	Ps. 68 1 Sam. ch. 23 Acts 3. 1-10
<b>Evening Prayer</b>					
Ps. 47 Mark 1. 1-13	Ps. 50 Mark 1. 21-28	Ps. 59 Mark 1. 21-28	Ps. 62 Mark 1. 29-end	Ps. 38 Mark 2. 1-12	Ps. 66 Mark 2. 13-22

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## A message from Rev Natasha Thomas

Dear Friends,

As you may know we started our prayer walking last Tuesday around the parish. I was so encouraged by the turn out, and we were able to spend an hour walking gently down the hill and pray for the different people, businesses, school, nursery and residential areas that we passed.

We reflected on a couple of passages from Acts 16:12-15 reflecting on how Paul encountered Lydia and the other woman outside of the temple, who were washing whilst he was trying to find somewhere to pray. This

encounter brought many of these women to faith. So looking and praying we looked for places where others were gathering.

We also read Acts 10: 1-6, where Cornelius, a gentile who prayed regularly to God and whose behaviour was generous and kind to others, is honoured by God. He was someone who was looking for God. He represented everything that the Jews of the day would have considered unclean and unredeemable...not a likely person to be someone who would pioneer Christianity for the future...but God uses surprising people. So we prayed to identify those who are searching, that will help us build and grow God's kingdom in Saltaire.

We shall continue to walk each week on Tuesday at 9am, and we will also be leading a Sunday evening prayer walk, so that those who are unable to join us on Tuesday have another opportunity.

Praying you all have a good week.

Blessings,  
Natasha

## Church family news

### **From Maria and Jonathan Mullin, Eric and Connie:**

On Thursday 18th July we welcomed our twin boys into the world, Aaron John Mullin and Jesse George Mullin. Thank God for their safe arrival. We are all doing well. If anyone would like to offer help, we would really appreciate it if anyone could bring us a meal as we adjust to being a family of six. (Please text Maria on 07745 601525)



## Can you help?

### **The Big Toy Clean, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 9am – 11am**

We're having our annual toy clean and we need your help! We need helpers to wipe down train sets, sharpen pencils, clean baby toys and lots more! We need all the help we can.

Tea, coffee, juice, biscuits (and possibly cake, if we have some lovingly donated) will be provided to keep volunteers going. If you're able to help please let Jessica (please be aware she is on holiday), Liz or Jenni know. Thank you!

### **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.

### **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

### **PCC Members**

PCC Meeting – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm – Hope Chapel

### **Men's Group**

A big thank you from all those who went to the Bowls evening at the St Peter's bowls club for their hospitality and instruction, it was a great evening. Our next event will be a bbq on Friday 27th September more details to follow.

### **Sunday evening prayer walk – Sunday August 4, 6.30pm**

Next Sunday, August 4, we will be having a prayer walk in the parish instead of our usual evening service. We will meet at church at 6.30pm and will take a walk around the parish, and stopping to worship and pray at different points as we go. When we return to church, a jacket potato supper will be available for us to share in fellowship as part of our ongoing worship. Please do join us if you can, especially if you are not able to make the Tuesday morning prayer walks. If you are able to stay for jacket potatoes, please bring your own favourite topping – beans and cheese will be available. The Sunday evening Reser service will be taking place on the evening of Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> this month.

## **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, 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".