



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

Monthly Newsletter

August 2024 Edition



"I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flowing stream" Isaiah 66:12

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Following Jesus – making disciples – serving others

Services for this month

Services on Sunday 4th August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Holy Communion Firefighting: Pentecost tongues of flame Acts 2:1-24 (Viv Brealey)	6.30pm	Prayer Walk Service Meet at church at 6.30pm for a walk to pray and worship around the parish, finishing back at church with a jacket potato supper together – bring your favourite topping!
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Services next Sunday 11th August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Morning Worship Firefighting: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal Elijah 18 (Jessica Criddle)	6.30pm	Holy Communion Who am I? Job 39:1-40:4 Luke 12:32-40 (TBC)
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Services next Sunday 18th August

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Holy Communion Firefighting: Paul arrives in Malta Acts 28:1-10 (Viv Brealey)	6.30pm	Evening Worship Reset Curiosity leads to encounters Exodus 2:23 – 3:10 Luke 12: 49-56 (TBC)
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Services next Sunday 25th August

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Morning Worship Firefighting: Jesus and the BBQ on the beach <i>Outdoor service and picnic in Roberts Park!</i> John 21:4-14 (Jessica Criddle)	6.30pm	Holy Communion Let my people go Exodus 4:27-5:1 (Natasha Thomas)
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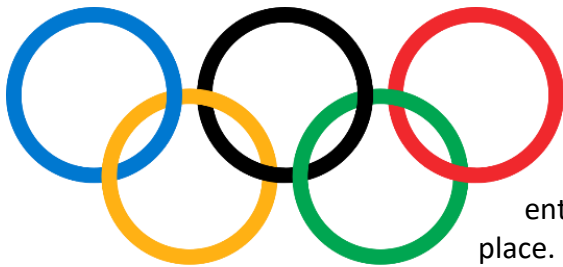
Daily Prayer and Readings for this week

Online Morning takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 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](#).

5 th August 2024 – 10 th August 2024					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning Prayer					
Ps. 71 1 Sam. ch. 24 Acts 3. 11 - end	Ps. 27 ; 150 1 Kings 19. 1-16 1 John 3. 1-3	Ps. 77 1 Sam. 28. 3- end Acts 4. 13-31	Ps. 78. 1-39 1 Sam. ch. 31 Acts 4.32- 5.11	Ps. 55 2 Sam. ch. 1 Acts 5. 12-26	Ps. 76 2 Sam. 2. 1- 11 Acts 5. 27- end
Evening Prayer					
Ps. 72 Mark 2.23-3.6	Ps. 72 2 Cor. Ch. 3	Ps. 119. 81- 104 Mark 3. 19b- end	Ps. 78. 40- end Mark 4. 1-20	Ps. 69 Mark 4. 21-34	Ps. 84 Mark 4. 35- end

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

Dear Friends,



I can't quite believe that I have only been here one month! On the one hand it feels like I have been here no time at all, but on another I already feel so at home and that is because I have been made so welcome and have been so encouraged by your enthusiasm and heart for God and His power to do mighty things in this place. So thank you.

Each evening, we have been catching up on the Olympics to see the drama of dreams coming true or not. I wonder how many of you have been doing the same? I love watching them and marvel at the stories that come from each athlete who has worked so hard, demonstrating such endurance to achieve their place in their field...whether they gain a medal or not.

I can't help but reflect on Philippians 3 :10 – 14,

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%203%3A10-14&version=NIV> Paul tells us of his "striving to know God and with that to share in his sufferings" We can perhaps go with the first part, but it is harder for us to take on that second part...but this is what we witness in the athletes. Their commitment is all about suffering and sacrifice for their sport. I wonder what God, is asking you, me to give up, give away, let go of so that we are freer to run His race?

The athletes, demonstrate to us time and again about discipline, routine, hard workouts, sacrifice what is necessary to compete in their race and this is all because they love their sport. They are a challenge to me. I want to be able to say I work as hard as them to follow Jesus but know that this is not true every day. Paul challenges us to "forget what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on towards the goal, for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus"

As we get to know each other over the coming months and years I pray that we will all remember this starting point of this new journey we are on. Letting go of the past and straining forward to the future goal. That

together we continue to grow and learn about God's call on our lives, as we race His race. St Peters is in a new place. Let us thank God for all His blessings and grace. For all that He does for us and ask that He leads us forward and that we can follow in confidence so His light and glory shine as we race towards the heavenly prize. Amen.

Church family news

From Maria and Jonathan Mullin, Eric & 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 9th 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

Upcoming events

Ladies night!

Date for your diaries!!

Ladies only ...Bring and Share evening, October 4thVenue TBC

Further details to follow in the next few weeks

Thanks

Louise Forbes and Anne Luxton

What's happening in St Peter's Church this week			
Wednesday 7 th	2.00 pm	Well Together Singing Group	Lounge
Friday 9 th	9.00 am	See & Know's Big Toy Clean	Church
Saturday 13 th	6.00 pm	Kingdom Wrestling Event	Church

Worship and discipleship

Saturday Morning Zoom Prayers – 6 July

All are welcome to join on Saturday (3 or 10 as applicable) August Zoom for half an hour or so of prayers online as we pray for each other, our church, community and wider world. If you have any questions, or something for the group to pray about please contact gemmarichards15@hotmail.com If a password is needed it is hello

Topic: St Pete's Saturday Prayers

Time: 10:00 AM s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72160683547?pwd=S5GDWizPTjQ60KmhavbGsY6vwi0ymF.1>

Meeting ID: 721 6068 3547

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 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, Gina Hearne, 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 and Rita Stoney 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.

News and updates

St Pete's Wonderful Restful Welcome Space - August 2024

On Friday the 26th of July, we had our last Welcome Space before we closed for the first 4 weeks during August, giving our dear Volunteers and Cake Bakers a well-deserved rest and enabling Annabel to catch up of some Welcome Space housekeeping. Welcome Space is back on Friday the 30th of August. Please pop in then, we would love to see you and the following Fridays, between 11.00am until 2.00pm. 😊 Welcome Space really thrives on your company. This adventure is so beneficial to all ages, who drop by, either to keep warm and 'dry', break their isolation, chat and get something yummy to eat, in these tough financial and daunting times. With our ongoing success, we could really do with more Volunteers and splendid cake makers. We desperately need volunteers from 12.30pm, as well as those who fancy staying the course (you are amazing if you do), we would love your help. Please could you sign up to the rotas at the back of church on the Welcome desk! We need people to help in the kitchen, people to talk/pray with those popping in (so important for people's mental

and spiritual wellbeing), welcome people into the building, bake yummy cakes, clear and wipe down tables, wash up - which is ongoing, as well as towards the end or even give donations to help keep this valuable service going! Please Scan the QR Code above, if you can, help us out, with a donation, every little bit helps, thank you. If you would like to volunteer, please chat to Annabel (annabel.rigby@stpetes.org.uk) or Karen Parkinson (karen.parkinson@stpetes.org.uk) for more information.



Thank you so much to very caring and bountiful John, at the Orange Grove and his lovely hard-working assistants, Holly & Lucy, for all your delicious fruit & veg, we receive each week, to make the soups and fruit salads, and to the bakers at Melvyn Davis for their bread donations. Without their kind support, Welcome Space would really struggle.

If you are not able to make it in, please help us by praying for the session and let us know if you need prayer, soup & some cake too.

Thank you, and have a lovely, happy, sunny and restful August.

the Wonderful Warm Welcome Space team! 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

*** Please be aware, we are closing for the first 4 weeks of the August Summer Holidays, to give our team a rest and to catch up on some housekeeping. We will be back spritely and happy to see you on Friday the 30th August 2024. Annabel has made a little booklet of all the places that are running Welcome Spaces in the Shipley area, copies are available at the back of the church on the Welcome desk and in Welcome Space, or feel free to email her for a copy.

Thank you, and have a lovely, happy, sunny, July. The Wonderful Warm Welcome Space team! 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

Bradford North Foodbank – Shipley

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for the foodbank, where things have been steadily busy through the start of the summer.

Your generosity has seen over 450kg of food and essential toiletries donated in the first 6 months of the year - enough to feed 60 people!

At this time we especially need: tin openers, UHT milk, 2-in-1 shampoo/shower gel, instant mash, tinned tuna and tinned fruit.

We're currently raising funds to supply all visitors with a bag of fresh fruit and vegetables to go with the normal food parcel of long-life items - these are especially helpful to the families who visit. You can find the online page at:

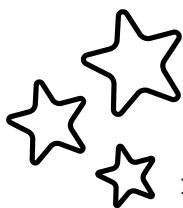
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/bradford-north-foodbank-fresh-food>

or you can give cash/cheque donations to Pete Criddle.

Thank you

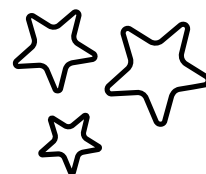
Anthea, Pete, Stuart and Sue

Children and Youth Work Update



Our groups may have paused for the summer, but there is still a lot of things to do to get ready to welcome all our families back. I am busy preparing a new series for Messy Church and helping Jenni, when I can, to sort through all the resources we are blessed to have in this church. Here are some options for how you might be able to help the children's and families' work at this time:

1. Come along to the big toy clean on 9th August. Refreshments will be provided and you will all be able to leave with a smile on your face at satisfaction at a job well done. We'll be in the main church from 9am-11am.
2. If you can't make the toy clean, but would still love to help out, please speak to Jessica. I am sure I can find some jobs that could easily be done at home. This may include testing pens and sharpening pencils, creating an inventory of some of our resources or getting some crafts prepped in advance of the new term.
3. If prayer is more your thing, I would love to put together a team of people who would be willing to commit to praying regularly for the work we do. From September, we are going to give people who attend Messy Church the opportunity to write their prayer requests in a book. If you would like to receive these prayer requests and bring them before the Lord, please do speak to Jessica. I am so excited for what we will see God do as he works in the lives of the families we serve.





Joy

All the aid is palleted up and ready to load on the container for Yemen this Friday, August 2nd. Pray I can get all the masses of paperwork correct for the Yemen customs.

We need any wheelchairs etc that are possible, as always 3 and 5kg bags of rice or pasta, and also we are short of toothpaste and flannels or small handtowels for the washbags.

Goods are going out again via our contact in Huddersfield to Ukraine. So pray for both those situations and for the goods to be delivered safely

God bless you all for your support

Eco-church and sustainability

Augusts eco tips

- Suntan lotion is really important to wear to protect our skin. Suntan lotions that are free from oxybenzone, retinyl palmitate, and parabens are also better for the environment.
- In hot weather fans use 90% less energy than air conditioning, and if you place a bowl of ice in front of the fan, the breeze will feel even cooler.
- Keeping curtains drawn on very hot days also keeps your house feeling cooler.
- Planning a day out? Remember your reusable bags, bottles, cutlery and crockery. Can you leave the car and travel on public transport? For great days out on your doorstep go to <https://www.visitbradford.com/things-to-do/attractions>
- In August central heating might be the last thing on our minds. But Tearfund suggests now could be a good time to look at whether a renewable energy company is right for you. Further info here <https://bigcleanswitch.org/tearfund/>

Have you an eco tip or challenge to share? Please contact gemmarichards15@hotmail.com

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, or 07801 138180). If you'd like to donate to the Helping Hands Fund, please contact Andy Thorlby thorlbya@yahoo.co.uk or 01274 510951 or make a donation in the usual way into the church, clearly identified as "Helping Hands Fund".

Giving at St Peter's



Just to remind those wishing to give to St Peter's we have multiple options. For more information, please look for the '[Giving to St Peter's Shipley](#)' print out on the 'Welcome Desk', alternatively please speak to a member of the staff team. **Don't forget** we claim '[Gift Aid](#)', so please fill in a form if you pay income tax! Or Scan the QR code on the left to donate to St Peter's!

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Vicar	Natasha Thomas	07887 707221	Friday
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Licensed Lay Minister	Viv Brealey	07519 552231	
Treasurer	Mike Moss	07758 575653	
Churchwardens	Alan Armitage Gemma Richards	07743 122828	
Children & Youth Work	Children's work Co-ordinator: Jessica Criddle jessica.criddle@stpetes.org.uk or via the office Children's & Youth Administrator: Jenni Reid 01274 400381 or office@stpetes.org.uk		
Pastoral Co-ordinators	Carol Brown Keith Brown	01274 585242	
Church Office	Jenni Reid Kerry Milwain	01274 400381	Saturday & Sunday
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	St. Peter's Church Shipley		

This Church operates a Safeguarding Policy in line with national and diocesan guidelines.

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Child Line can be contacted on 0800 1111