



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 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024**



*"Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints"*  
Ephesians 1:18

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

# Services For This Week & Next

Services next Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August			
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity			
10.30 am	<b>Morning Worship</b> Firefighting: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal Elijah 18 (Jessica Criddle)	6.30 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> Who am I? Job 39:1-40:4 Luke 12:32-40 (Viv Brealey)

Services next Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August			
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity			
10.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Firefighting: Paul arrives in Malta Acts 28:1-10 (TBC)	6.30 pm	<b>Evening Worship Reset</b> Curiosity leads to encounters Exodus 2:23 – 3:10 Luke 12: 49-56 (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](#).

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August – Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2024					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning Prayer</b>					
Ps. 80 2 Sam. 3. 12-end Acts ch. 6	Ps. 89. 1-18 2 Sam. 5. 1-12 Acts 7. 1-16	Ps. 119. 105-128 2 Sam. 6. 1-19 Acts 7. 17-43	Ps. 98; 138 Isa. 7. 10-15 Luke 11. 27-28	Ps. 88 2 Sam. 7. 18-end Acts 7.54 - 8.3	Ps. 97 2 Sam. ch. 9 Acts 8. 4-25
<b>Evening Prayer</b>					
Ps. 85 Mark 5. 1-20	Ps. 89 Mark 5. 21-34	Ps. 91 Mark 5. 35-end	Ps. 132 Acts 1. 6-14	Ps. 102 Mark 6. 14 -29	Ps. 104 Mark 6. 30-44

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## This weeks reflections from Rev Natasha Thomas



Dear Friends,

I wonder what our feelings are as we watch the events of murder, destruction and hatred. As we see people charged up with hatred and anger against those they believe are not like them? They believe have taken something from them or prevented others from getting something? That they are living in the UK illegally with benefits? I don't know. It is hard for me to understand. But what I do see is real anger, and that stems from something that is building a momentum of hatred against others the total antithesis to what it means for us as Christians.

Because love is central to all that we are. We know and understand, that due to God's grace we are forgiven and be loved. Not by being or doing anything special.

I've been trying to understand what brings people to such points of hatred and so was really interested to hear a young man on the radio, sharing how he had got caught up in becoming part of a far right group, that he came across during lock down. Everything he learnt about was based on a negative, until he became a Christian and realised that his hatred of others, was not based on his personal experience, but rather on words and false truths that made him feel he needed to fight for justice...but his indignation was not built on a reality. One day he found himself in church and got chatting to the vicar, and realised that actually, God was the one who could provide the answers that he was looking for, and that the injustice that he thought he was fighting was not based on love. It was built on hate. He had wanted to find a way to change things. His heart was good, but he needed to put the emphasis on love instead of hate.

Daily morning prayer has been taking us through Samuel and the feuding between David and King Saul. And I am beginning to find some resonance in Saul's response to someone from whom he feels threatened. Saul had begun to fear David as he was excelling in all that he did. He is overcome with jealousy and paranoia and he loses perspective. He loses his sense of his responsibilities and has no concern for others. He has no conscience as he determines to exterminate David. His heart we are told is hardened against David and is prepared to go to extreme lengths of murder and cruelty to try and get to him.

David on the other hand finds himself in the wilderness and yet we do not see him become self pitying (which perhaps would've been my response!), but instead we see his heart set on depending on God and trying to walk with integrity with Him.

As we watch the crowds on our screens becoming hardened as they try to attack those they believe are their enemies stopping at nothing including the police in order to destroy. I wonder how have their hearts become hardened to no longer seeing others as people...we need to watch that our hearts do not become hardened or brittle and insensitive to the needs of others. If God is to use us, we need to allow ourselves to be moulded and shaped by our circumstances. God promises to walk with us whatever difficulties surround us. But hardness of heart is never a strength, but always a refusal to learn.

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?

### Prayers For Today

As some of you may be aware, we've been posting a once weekly 'Prayer for Today' that St Peter's have been praying for. We desperately need some more prayers for Jenni to pop onto our Facebook page! All prayers are anonymous and will be treated with the up most respect. If you wish to write a prayer for today either fill in the attached form or email Jenni ([jenni.reid@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:jenni.reid@stpetes.org.uk)) or fill in this online form '[Prayers for Today](#)'.

## Thank you

### A Thank You From Hive

It's coming to the end of Hive being here with us at St Peter's. We've loved having them and enjoyed seeing all the arts and crafts that have happened under our roof and look forward to visiting them in their new building!

We thought to share their email thanking everyone for their time here [Hive - Thank you St Peters! \(mailchi.mp\)](#)  
Physical copies are on the 'Welcome Desk'. We'll miss you HIVE!

## Upcoming events

### Ladies night!

Date for your diaries!! Ladies only ...Bring and Share evening, October 4th ....Venue TBC  
Further details to follow in the next few weeks  
Thanks Louise Forbes and Anne Luxton

### 24/7 Prayer

More details to follow soon...

### SAVE THE DATE

19<sup>TH</sup> October ALL DAY!!! More details to follow

## 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](mailto:gemmarichards15@hotmail.com) If a password is needed it is hello

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 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".

### Help us get as many signatures as possible! – Online version only

We need your help by nominating us to potentially receive £1k from [Movement for Good - Nominate a charity for an award](#), by signing up and sharing with your friends and family.

Once you've clicked the link, all you need to do is click on the maroon-coloured square 'Nominate a charity for £1,000' and search 'St Peters Church, Shipley' (our charity number is 1134797) and fill in the form. Every penny counts at the moment to run our church and this is a quick and easy way to help raise funds.