



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

September 2024 Edition



*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message" John 17:20*

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

# Services for this month

## Services on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

### Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b> New beginnings: Knowing who we are Ephesians 2: 8-22 (Jessica Criddle)	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> New beginnings: Knowing who we are Ephesians 2: 8-22 John 1:10-14 (Viv Brealey)	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship Reset</b> What does this ceremony mean to you? Exodus 12:21-27 Matthew 4:23-5:20 (Natasha Thomas)
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## Services on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

### Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Age Holy Communion</b> New Beginnings: The old and the new covenant Genesis 17:1-8 (Natasha Thomas)	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> New Beginnings: The old and the new covenant Genesis 17: 1-8 Matt 26: 26-30 (Natasha Thomas)	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Miraculous escape – King over the floods Exodus 14:5–end Matthew 6:1-18 (Viv Brearley)
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## Services on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> New Beginnings: How do we respond to the freedom of Christ? Genesis 17: 1-8 Matt 26: 26-30 (Natasha Thomas)	<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b> Welcome Back! Lots of fun things to see and hear and a wonderful meal afterwards! (Jessica Criddle)
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## Services on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Age Holy Communion</b> New Beginnings: What can I do? 1 John 2: 15-17 (TBC)	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> New Beginnings: What can I do? 1 John 2: 15-17 Matthew 25: 31-46 (Viv Brearley)	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Thin places – Meeting god on the mountain Exodus 19:10–end Matthew 8: 23-end (Natasha Thomas)
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## Services on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

### Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b> New Beginnings: Harvest & Gift Day Deut 8:7-18	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> New Beginnings: Harvest & Gift Day Deut 8: 7-18 Matt 6: 25 - 33 (Natasha Thomas)	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship Reset</b> Written on tablets of stone Exodus 24 Matthew 9: 1-8 (TBC)
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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](#).

2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2024					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning Prayer</b>					
Ps. 1 1 Kings 1. 5-31 Acts 13. 13-43	Ps. 5 1 Kings 1.32 – 2.4 Acts 13.44 – 14.7	Ps. 119. 1-32 1 Kings ch. 3 Acts 14. 8-end	Ps. 15 1 Kings 4.29 – 5.12 Acts 15. 1-21	Ps. 19 1 Kings 6. 1, 11-28 Acts 15. 22-35	Ps. 23 1 Kings 8. 1-30 Acts 15.36 – 16.5
<b>Evening Prayer</b>					
Ps. 4 Mark 9. 38-end	Ps. 9 Mark 10. 1-16	Ps. 11 Mark 10. 17-31	Ps. 18 Mark 10. 32-34	Ps. 22 Mark 10. 35-45	Ps. 84 Mark 10. 46 - end

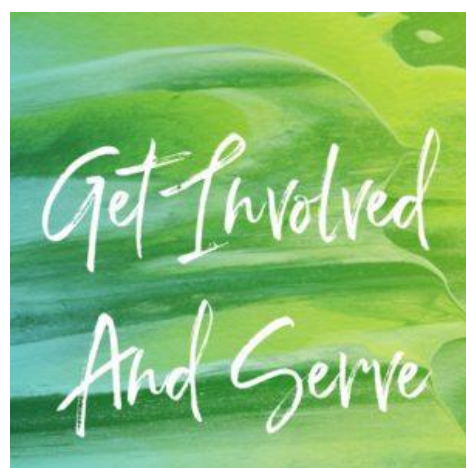
## A message from Rev Natasha Thomas: Getting involved...

Dear Friends,

As I get to know different people and see the amazing skills, gifts and talents that the congregations of St Peter's have I have been wondering how we might best use them to glorify God. I am always mindful that when we have been blessed with talents, we shouldn't bury them, but look to utilize them, so that God's kingdom can be grown. Sometimes it is hard to know how to get involved or to do something different, because it seems to already be covered...but we need to look at ways in which we build up our whole body.

For instance, you might feel God prompting you to explore your role as a:

- Intercessor
- Prayer ministry
- Bible reader
- Administration
- Coffee maker
- Pastoral care visitor
- Welcomer
- Musician
- Singer
- Speaker
- Children's work
- Youth work
- Sound techies
- Or something else!



You may feel God's prompting but not feel confident about doing it, please don't let that put you off, as we can provide training and support to enable you to try and to grow. To get us going, I am holding a meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at St Peter's for anyone who would be interested in preaching at one of our services.

Please get in touch with me ([natasha.thomas@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:natasha.thomas@stpetes.org.uk) or 07887707221) if you would like to discuss any of the above.

## 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.

### Children and Youth tasks you can do at home!

We had a successful toy clean on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you to everyone who came and helped. Especially thank you to all of the children who tested all the toys and made sure they worked, cleaned them up and put them all away beautifully.

We have a few tasks we need help with over the rest of the summer holidays that you can do whilst watching tv!! We desperately need pencils sharpened and a few other things to be done. If you're willing to help please speak to Jessica ([jessica.criddle@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:jessica.criddle@stpetes.org.uk)) or see the Welcome Desk and take a 'Children and Youth Task' home with you. Thank you very much!

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Over the next 5 weeks, **starting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**

ENJOYING DEEPER CONVERSATION  
WITH GOD



## PRAYER COURSE

Based on 'How To Pray' by Pete Greig



**5 weeks from beginning of Sept - 11th Oct to consider:**

Why we need to pray and praise God  
Petition

The importance of asking God

What happens when prayer isn't answered  
How we listen to God

I shall be running a course in the Hope chapel looking at and considering what the power of prayer is. It will be an opportunity to talk and share our experiences of prayer and what we expect when we talk to God.

We shall be using Pete Greig's prayer course as the foundation, and I very much hope that it will be a time for reflection and growth for all of us.

I have materials available for all house groups if they wish to follow the course over the next few weeks. Please email me on [natasha.thomas@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:natasha.thomas@stpetes.org.uk)

The course will culminate in our opening a 24/7 prayer room on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Sheets will be available at the back for you to sign up.



## Upcoming social events



The next ladies evening will be hosted at:

**St Pauls at 7pm on the 4th October.**

It's a Bring and Share Quiz evening so please bring either savoury or sweet, please let Anne or Louise know which options you can provide we can then ensure that we have equal offerings. Contact details below. Please bring your own choice of drink along with a pen for the Quiz!!!! We are looking forward to seeing you all. Please feel free to bring a friend.

This is an opportunity for all members (young ,old and middling!! of St Pauls', St Peters and Christ Church to get to know each other well so please put the date in your diary and come and enjoy some fun.

Anne Luxton contact details : [luxton4040@gmail.com](mailto:luxton4040@gmail.com)

07547 187624

Louise Forbes contact details: [louisemforbes.lf@gmail.com](mailto:louisemforbes.lf@gmail.com)

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**The next men's meet up is on:**

**Friday 27th September 7pm at 30 Newclose Road Nabwood BD184AU,**

please sign up on the notice sheet on the welcome desk or

email [martinforbes@gmail.com](mailto:martinforbes@gmail.com)

in either case let me know any dietary requirements.

Soft drinks will be available but please feel free to bring your own alcoholic drinks. This will be a pay as you feel evening and all money will go to the Bradford North Food Bank.



## Parish Away Day! 19<sup>th</sup> October

A time to pray, a time listen, a time to care for one another  
We are currently waiting to confirm the venue, but it will not be far and we aim to make it family friendly.

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

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Well Together Singing Group	Lounge
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Diane's Exercise Class	Lounge
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	See & Know	Church
	11.00 am	Welcome Space	Lounge
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.45 am	Hot Aire	Lounge



**Happy Birthday  
Fairtrade!**



## Fairtrade Fortnight, 9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September; 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark and 'Be the Change. Choose Fairtrade'.

Don't forget it's been 30 years since Fairtrade started and has had a positive impact on so many people's lives.

For more information, click on the link.

Here's the main FT Foundation Fairtrade Fortnight page, with links to digital assets etc:

[https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtradefortnight/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=engagingnetworks&utm\\_campaign=++&utm\\_content=SC:+Fairtrade+Fortnight+2024+-+engaged/active+S+11:44:56](https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtradefortnight/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=++&utm_content=SC:+Fairtrade+Fortnight+2024+-+engaged/active+S+11:44:56)

## 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

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, 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 & Warm Welcome Space - September 2024

Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> August '24, Welcome Space in the Lounge, resumed and hopefully our dear Volunteers and Cake Bakers have had a well-deserved rest. Please feel free to drop in on Fridays, we would love to see you.

The session runs between 11.00am until 2.00pm. 😊 Welcome Space cherishes 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. Our ongoing demand is, we could really do with more Volunteers and splendid cake makers. We desperately need volunteers from 12.30pm, as well as those who fancy helping throughout the session (you are wonderful, if you do), we would love your help. Please could you sign up on the sheets at the back of church, on the Welcome desk! We need help in the kitchen, help 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](mailto:annabel.rigby@stpetes.org.uk)) or Karen Parkinson ([karen.parkinson@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:karen.parkinson@stpetes.org.uk)) for more information.

On the back of the soup menu each week, is an activity (crossword/word search) which follows one of the previous Sundays Bible readings, please feel free to take a copy, fill it in or take it home to complete while you are sitting down with a cup of tea.

Thank you so much to Shipleys lovely treasure, 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 all for all your help and support, have a lovely September and good luck to all the students starting/returning to school, college and university and all their parents, may their transition go smoothly xx

The Wonderful Warm Welcome Space team! 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

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## 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 from Anthea, Pete, Stuart and Sue

### Wanted for JOY



**Toothpaste and brushes, bar soap, facecloths, towels, blankets all in good as new condition**

**Wheelchairs and walkers etc, dressings and bandages, splints and leg braces**

Stoma dressings, urinary catheters and drainage bags

New trainers (or as new) and walking boots, as new T shirts and shorts

Thank you

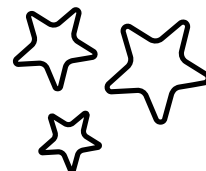


## Children and Youth Work Update



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 9-11am.
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



## Eco-church and sustainability

### September's eco-tips

- ❖ Winter is coming...Keeping your house warm over the winter is good for the environment and for you. <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/greendoctor/> is a national organisation that can do energy assessments in their homes, and save money on their bills. In Bradford it partners with the local Warm Homes Healthy People project which can be contacted on 0808 1683547 (Freephone)(Jenni, if you're attaching the flyer to the bumper edition, you can refer people to that as well)
- ❖ Recycling walking aids: You can now recycle walking aids that you no longer use in the entrances of Canal Side Surgery, Kingsway, Bingley, and Airedale Hospital. For further info see <https://www.healthwatchbradford.co.uk/news/2024-08-19/you-can-now-recycle-your-old-walking-aids-airedale-hospital-and-canalside-community>
- ❖ In September Oxfam is challenging us to have a month where we buy, wear, and donate second hand clothing to help reduce the impact buying new clothes especially fast fashion have on planet. We are blessed with loads of charity shops locally to seek out second hand items! For further info see <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/second-hand-september/>
- ❖ Don't throw away your fallen leaves - they're an excellent part of the eco system! You can create leaf mould by placing them in containers to rot away and be placed round plants and trees for much needed nutrients

Have you an eco tip or challenge to share? Please contact [gemmarichards15@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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".

### 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!



## 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.

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

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