



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 15th September 2024



"I will listen to what God the Lord will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints." Psalm 85:8

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Following Jesus – making disciples – serving others

Services For This Week & Next

Services on Sunday 15th September

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

11:15 am	Holy Communion New Beginnings: How do we respond to the freedom of Christ? Galations 5: 1-26 Mark 10:17-31 (Viv Brealey)	3.30 pm	Messy Church Welcome Back! Lots of fun things to see and hear and a wonderful meal afterwards! (Jessica Criddle)
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Services on Sunday 22nd September

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	All Age Worship New Beginnings: What can I do? 1 John 2: 15-17 (TBC)	11:15 am	Morning Worship New Beginnings: What can I do? 1 John 2: 15-17 Matthew 25: 31-46 (Natasha Thomas)	6.30 pm	Holy Communion Thin places – Meeting God on the mountain Exodus 19:10–end Matthew 8: 23-end (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 9th September – Saturday 14th September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning Prayer					
Ps. 44 1 Kings 12.25 – 13.10 Acts 19. 8- 20	Ps. 48 1 Kings 13. 11-end Acts 19. 21-end	Ps. 119. 57- 80 1 Kings ch. 17 Acts 20. 1-16	Ps. 57 1 Kings 18. 1-20 Acts 20. 17- end	Ps. 51 1 Kings 18. 21-end Acts 21. 1- 16	Ps. 49; 117 1 Kings 19. 15-end 2 Tim. 3. 14- end
Evening Prayer					
Ps. 47 Mark 12. 28-34	Ps. 50 Mark 12. 35-end	Ps. 59 Mark 13. 1- 13	Ps. 62 Mark 13. 14- 23	Ps. 38 Mark 13. 24-31	Ps. 119. 33- 40 Matt. 19. 16- end

This weeks reflection from Rev Natasha Thomas

P.R.A.Y

Last week saw the start (for some!) of the Prayer Course that is taking place in some of our House Groups and on a Wednesday evening in the Hope Chapel on 7pm, and what a wonderful way for us to start but to start with adoration and praise. There were 16 of us who gathered together and reflected on what prayer meant to us and what we expected from it.

The course introduced this very simple way to pray which I have found helpful as a kind of structure particularly in those times when prayer isn't coming naturally. The idea is to use the letters **P.R.A.Y.**

Starting with **Pause**, to take time before we charge into prayer, to actually slow down and think I am talking to God, and then to **Rejoice**, to praise God because we know who He is, and what He has done for us, before we then move onto our requests or our **Ask**, where we come before God and ask for healing, for help, for reconciliation, for peace, for love for ourselves, for our family and community and our world. And then we come to the last letter

which is to **Yield** this is a time in our prayer time where we listen to God and accept the situation, and to take time for hope and response to carry us through the day. I am a very big fan of an App that you can download onto your phone which can help you to go through this process called Lectio 365. It lasts around 10mins each morning and then a further 10mins at night, and you can either read or listen. Each session ends with this prayer which I think is beautiful:

*Father help me to live this day to the full,
Being true to you, in every way.
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others,
Being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit help me to love the lost,
Proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.
Amen*



Remember that each week you can also join St Peters who lead Morning Prayer each Tuesday and Thursday on St Petes Facebook page, at 9am. You will also see that Jenni is asking for suggestions for prayer to go in this newsheet. What is God asking of you this week? What do we need prayer for, to be shared between us so that as a body we can pray specifically for one another. Please get in touch with Jenni via the office.

HARVEST & GIFT DAY...

Why Do we Celebrate Harvest?

Harvest is a time at St Peter's when we have a special gift day, a day where we give in addition to our weekly tithing, in response to God's generosity and blessings in our lives.

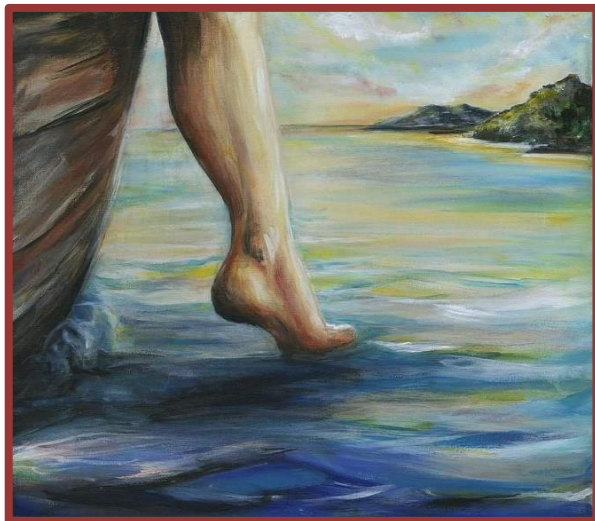
What Will We Use Your Money For From the Gift Day Collection?

- We do know we want to continue to develop our building – particularly in the church
- We do know we will give 10% of the income from our Gift Day to Overseas mission
- We do know we want to share the love of God throughout our parish and in Shipley.



We are anticipating that God will show us during our weekly prayer times, 24/7 prayer day (11th Oct.) and during our away day (19th Oct.) as we discern how we will deploy our resources and understanding our priorities for how we invest our time money and energy.

Myself and the PCC are therefore asking you to take a step of faith...I am sure you are familiar with the story from the Gospels, that of Peter stepping out of the boat towards Jesus...taking a miraculous step of faith, initially believing that He could do it on his own, until he reached out to Jesus to walk the rest of the way. We too need to step out of



our comfort zones, and consider what steps we are willing to take.

Are you willing to step out in faith and with confidence, believing that we will get the right amount of income to do what we need to do and respond to God's call for action here in Shipley.

Let us start this new phase of our growth and mission in a way that triumphs God's Kingdom on earth.

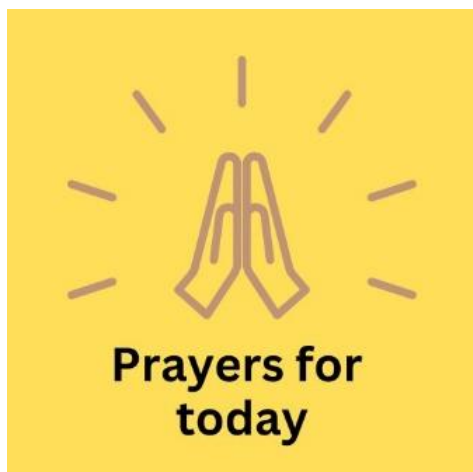
How To Give:

BA transfer: Sort Code: 08-92-99

Account Number: 6727128300

Or in an envelope at the back of church and remember to Gift Aid if you can!

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) or fill in this online form '[Prayers for Today](#)'.

Children and Youth tasks you can do at home!

We have a few tasks we need help with over the next few weeks that you can do whilst watching tv!! We desperately need some of small, light boxes of craft stuff to be organised! If you're willing to help please speak

to Jessica (jessica.criddle@stpetes.org.uk) or see the Welcome Desk and take a 'Children and Youth Task' home with you. Thank you very much!

Back copies of the Church Times

Do you have any/or know anybody who has copies of the Church Times? If so Joan Barton would like them. Please contact her on 07906281076. Thank you!

Upcoming events



Ladies' Night Update – Friday 4th October at 7pm

The next ladies evening is 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 , if you would let Anne or Louise know which options you can provide we can then ensure that we have equal offerings. 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. We both are keen that all members (young, old and middling!!) of our three churches get to know each other well so please put the date in your diary, encourage your friends and family and come and enjoy some fellowship.

Anne Luxton contact details : luxton4040@gmail.com 07547 187624

Louise Forbes contact details: louisemforbes.lf@gmail.com 07794 809256

Mens group BBQ

Friday 27th September 7pm at 30 Newclose Road Nabwood BD18 4AU. Please sign up on the notice sheet on the welcome desk or email

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 all money given will go to the Bradford North Food Bank.



24/7 Prayer - 5pm on Friday 11th September – 5pm on Saturday 12th September.



It would be wonderful if as many people signed up to pray for just one hour, it would be great if we could cover every hour of the 24hrs in prayer, but if you want to do a particular slot and someone else is already down to pray then **DO NOT let that put you off!** Just join in at that same time, it will just be a particularly holy hour! The link is [24-7 Prayer International - Sign-Up](#)

OR if you are not particularly technical, there will also be a signup sheet at the back of church.

Ideas about how

to pray, about what to pray for will be sent to you, once you have signed up.

Parish Away Day! 19th October, 9.30am – 4.30pm

A time to pray, a time listen, a time to care for one another.

We have a venue! We will be spending the day together at St. James' Church in Baildon (Disabled friendly).

Address: St James' Church, Kirklands Lane, Baildon, BD17 6HH.

There's a sign up sheet on the 'Welcome Desk' in lilac paper. Please sign up! We'll be having a meal together as well so please let us know your dietary requirements! More details to follow in the coming weeks!



Worship and discipleship

Saturday Morning Zoom Prayers

All are welcome to join a small group for half an hour or so of online prayer on Saturday at 10 am as we pray for ourselves, community and wider world. If you have any questions about how to access Zoom or something for the group to pray about please contact gemmarichards15@hotmail.com You shouldn't need a password but if you do it is 8iTbrH

This link works for 14 and 21 September.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79930677681?pwd=sQ6CnRybnJgJxJc3FS0jOu2HrZ0g6L1>

Meeting ID: 799 3067 7681

Passcode: 8iTbrH

Prayer and support

Church family news – Pauline Wilshin

Many of you will remember Pauline Wilshin, who was a much-loved member of St Peter's for many years before she moved to Scotland to be closer to family a couple of years ago. Sadly, we have received news that Pauline died on Friday

morning this week. We will let you have more any more information we receive but please do keep her family and friends in your prayers at this time.

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 11.15am 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, 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!

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.

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

An additional Fellowship group will start on Sept. 4th at 7pm with Rev Natasha

HARVEST APPEAL



We are seeing an ever-increasing need - but a reduction in vital donations. By donating this Harvest, you can support local people facing hardship.

Top 10 items needed

Long life UHT milk
Long life juice
Tinned meat
Instant mash
Tinned fruit
Tinned soup
Coffee
Sugar
Tinned tomatoes
Custard

Toiletries & hygiene items needed

Deodorants
Soap
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Washing up liquid
Sanitary products



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bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk



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