



ST. PETER'S  
— SHIPLEY —



# St Peter's Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

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.



*"For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God?." Psalm 18:31*

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

## Services For This Week & Next

### Services on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

#### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b> New Beginnings: What can I do? 1 John 2: 15-17 (Mark Davies)	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> New Beginnings: What can I do? 1 John 2: 15-17 Matthew 25: 31-46 (Natasha Thomas)	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Thin places – Meeting God on the mountain Exodus 19:10–end Matthew 8: 23-end (Viv Brealey)
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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 (Frances Vose)	<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 (Brian Greenfield)
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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 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning Prayer</b>					
Ps. 71 1 Kings ch. 21 Acts 21.37 – 22.21	Ps. 73 1 Kings 22. 1-28 Acts 22.22 – 23.11	Ps. 77 1 Kings ch. 22. 29-45 Acts 23. 12- end	Ps. 8. 1-39 2 Kings 1. 2- 17 Acts 24. 1- 23	Ps. 55 2 Kings 2. 1-18 Acts 24.24- 25.12	Ps. 76 2 Kings 4. 1- 37 Acts 25. 13- end
<b>Evening Prayer</b>					
Ps. 72 Mark 14. 1-11	Ps. 74 Mark 14. 12-25	Ps. 119. 81- 104 Mark 14. 26- 42	Ps. 78. 40- end Mark 14. 43- 52	Ps. 69 Mark 14. 53-65	Ps. 84 Mark 14. 66- end

## This weeks reflection from Rev Natasha Thomas



Autumn feels like it is here! There is definitely a bit of a chill in the air, as I walk the dog around Hirst Wood and watch the leaves beginning to change colour. It is the start of the new term, and I am beginning to feel a bit of a rhythm now to my days as I get to know you both as congregations and individual people. I am reminded in Psalm 100:3

***“Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.”***

This verse reminds us that we belong to God. He is our creator, and we are his cherished creation. We are his people, and he takes care of us like a shepherd cares for his sheep. This verse highlights the intimate relationship we have with God and assures us that we have a place of belonging in his kingdom and that it is a place of belonging with each other.

I have sometimes wondered why Jesus compares people as sheep. To be described as a sheep feels a bit derogatory! I do not know anyone who would like to be called a sheep! It implies thoughtlessness, to being a bit clueless, or lacking in being able to make up your own mind or being able to be independent. But Jesus saw and knew people that the people needed Him. As it says in Matthew 9:36 he saw the crowds and “He had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” Matt 9:36

In order for sheep to stay safe, they firstly need each other so live in a flock and they need a shepherd. We too need each other and we too need looking after and leading. Jesus sees this.

We need a shepherd – a good shepherd who can guide and protect us. Sheep do follow the flock – I have often watched with amusement at how, when one sheep gets startled, they all jump up and start running in certain a direction away from what was fearful! Staying together is good for protection, but also means they do not always run in the right direction!

We know that as humans we can be just as foolish, responding to things and following a group, that we see as our kind. Following a crowd without really questioning or thinking. Jesus came to enable us to thrive. To live well with God. I wonder how you feel about Jesus being our shepherd, how you listen to His call and His direction; How you feel about belonging to the flock of Christ.

Do you see yourself as being part of His flock? Finding in church the support and love from one another so that God's kingdom of love and light shines from our lives together rather than that of division and fear. I pray that as we get to know each other we can learn more and more about our need to be dependent on each other, so that united we know who our Good Shepherd is.

## **TIME TO PRAY – starting at 5pm on 11<sup>th</sup> October – 5pm 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Please sign up at the back of church or online to praying for one hour or sign up online via this link: [24-7 Prayer International - Sign-Up](#) .

# 24-7 PRAYER



This is a virtual prayer room, so please pray wherever you feel comfortable, in your bedroom, in the garden, on a walk, in church... You just need to commit to praying for one hour. Natasha will be sending out some prayer pointers and bible passages to help you, but ultimately we want each of us to be listening to God, so please write anything down that you think He might be telling you.



We continue to meet each Wednesday at 7pm, reflecting and learning about different ways, and techniques that can help us to pray. Last week we considered how it makes sense to pray for small things, or the detail of things rather than the big generic things like world peace! Obviously we need to pray for world peace, but what country is God laying on your heart, what specifically do you want to happen? This takes a bit more effort and consideration, a bit more looking things up and caring in more detail. Do join us if you can.

Remember that each week you can also join St Peters for Morning Prayer Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am on St Petes Facebook page. 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.

**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 the church and remember to Gift Aid if you can!

## Can you help?

### 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](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!

### 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 get in touch with her on 07906281076. Thank you!

### Just be aware

A member of our congregation had their email hacked recently. As a pillar in the community, we want to share some information with you about staying safe online and what to do if something happens. We've ordered some hard copies of the leaflets which will be on the 'Welcome Desk' when they arrive. If you need help with these things please reach out to the PCC and Staff Team for help and support and we'll try our best to support you. Just remember if anyone is asking for bank details, or pin numbers never give them, no matter how needy the person seems. Always check it out with the person you know before responding.

[ID204992 Age UK Avoiding scams\\_07\\_23](#)

[ID204960 Age UK Staying safe\\_06\\_23](#)

## Upcoming events

### The Parish Walk is back!

Every fourth Tuesday of the month at 9am we will be meeting up at Church to walk and pray around our beautiful Parish! Everyone is welcome and you can bring well behaved dogs too! For more information please contact the office ([office@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:office@stpetes.org.uk), 01274 400381) or Natasha ([natasha.thomas@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:natasha.thomas@stpetes.org.uk), 07887 707221).

### Ladies' Night Update – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



### Parish Away Day: 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am – 4.30pm, at: St John's, Baildon

We are expecting that this will be a time for us to come together, to socialise, to pray, to worship and to consider what God is calling each of us as God's body to do and be. A time to capture what we think might be the vision for St Peter's for 2025.

The morning session will consider our dreams and our aspirations for the coming year and then after lunch (all provided!) we will plan how those dreams might become a reality.

Please let us know if you can come by signing up on the sheet by the Welcome desk or email the office.

### 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](mailto: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=sQ6CnRybnJgJxc3FS0jOu2HrZ0g6L1>

Meeting ID: 799 3067 7681

Passcode: 8iTbrH

### 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 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](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 – Last day 23<sup>rd</sup> September!!

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.

# 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



Scan to donate  
or visit our website  
[bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk](http://bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk)



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