



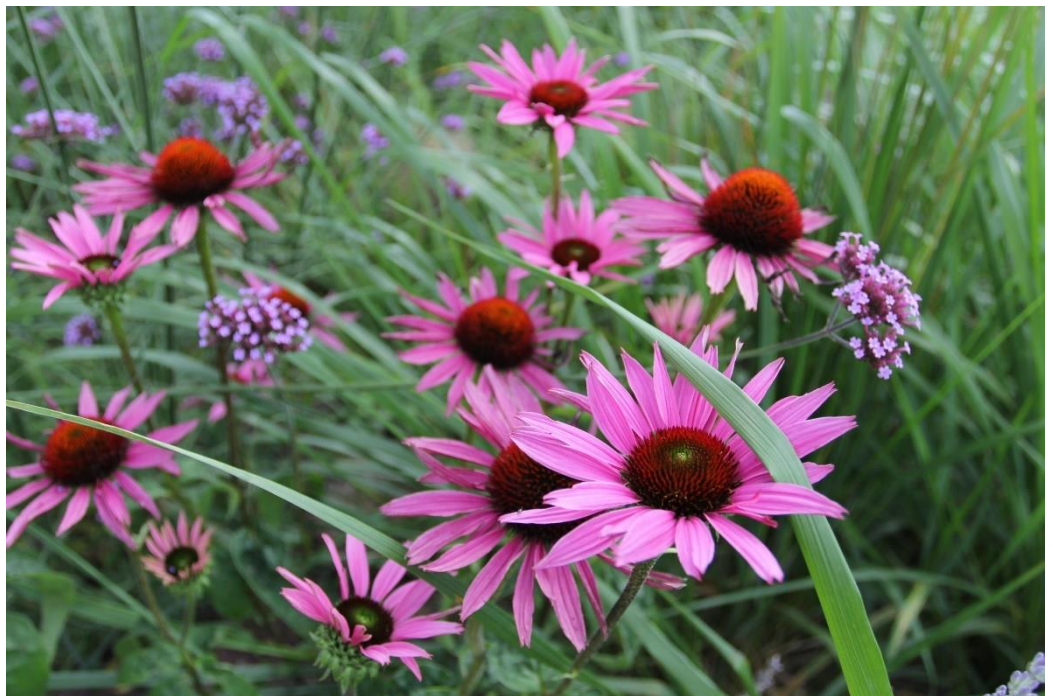
ST. PETER'S  
— SHIPLEY —



# St Peter's Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 29<sup>th</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.



*"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame." Psalm 34:4-5*

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

## Services For This Week & Next

Services on Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September					
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity					
9.30 am	<b>All Age Worship</b> New Beginnings: Harvest & Gift Day Deut 8:7-18 (Frances Vose)	11:15 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> New Beginnings: Harvest & Gift Day Deut 8: 7-18 Matt 6: 25 - 33 (Andy Thorlby)	6.30 pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> <b>Reset</b> Written on tablets of stone Exodus 24 Matthew 9: 1-8 (Natasha Thomas)

Services on Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October					
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity					
9.30 am	<b>All Age Worship</b> Hebrews: Softening of Hearts Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5- 12 (Jessica Criddle)	11:15 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Hebrews: Softening of Hearts Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16 (Natasha Thomas)	6.30 pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> <b>Reset</b> Knowing God is among us Joshua 3:7-end Matthew 10:1-22 (Viv Brealey)

### 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 30 <sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2024					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning Prayer</b>					
Ps. 80 2 Kings ch. 5 Acts 26. 1- 23	Ps. 89. 1- 18 2 Kings 6. 1-23 Acts 26. 24-end	Ps. 119. 105- 128 2 Kings 9. 1- 16 Acts 27. 1-26	Ps. 92 2 Kings 9. 17-end Acts 27. 27- end	Ps. 88 2 Kings 12. 1-19 Acts 28. 1- 16	Ps. 97 2 Kings 17. 1-23 Acts 28. 17-end
<b>Evening Prayer</b>					
Ps. 85 Mark 15. 1-15	Ps. 89. 19- end Mark 15. 16-32	Ps. 91 Mark 15. 33- 41	Ps. 94 Mark 15. 42- end	Ps. 102 Mark 16. 1-8	Ps. 104 Mark 16. 9- end

## This weeks reflection from Rev Natasha Thomas



As I thought about what I wanted to share with you this week especially as we come to Harvest and Gift Day this Sunday, I was reminded of the Matt Redman song “I will offer up my life”, these words sum up such a challenge as they remind us why we might want to do just that. They remind us that we owe God so much for reaching out to us and blessing us with lives that can have a relationship with Him. It also reminds us that we all have something to give and bring.

It is always interesting to hear why people hesitate to give to the body of Christ – to give their time or their money. Sometimes it is

because they do not know what they can do; or it is because they feel that they might get in the way; Or they see others doing what they could do and not know how to get involved; it might be because they do not know how they could be helpful; perhaps there just doesn't feel enough time in the day to do anything; perhaps you feel that you have already done your volunteering and giving and it is time to let others do it; Perhaps you feel too old or too young; perhaps its an anxiety about money and therefore don't want to give regularly in case they are short for other things...or perhaps because they give already to other charities and a feeling that the church therefore doesn't need their contribution; perhaps there is a sense that what they want to give wouldn't be good enough...

So many reasons and sometimes really good ones as to why we don't give something of ourselves to the body, to our Christian family. But I want to encourage every single member to pray. To ask God what it is they can bring to God which will enhance all that we are. God has brought each one of us together, and we, therefore, all have a part to play. So I end by praying the chorus of M Redman's song:

“What can I bring

To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?

Savior, what can be said, what can be sung

As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?

Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part

Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart What can I give, what can I bring to such a King?”

To listen to the song click this link (or look it up on youtube): [Matt Redman - I Will Offer Up My Life - Lyric Video \(youtube.com\)](#)

## 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](#) .

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. Ultimately we want each of us to be listening to God, so please write anything down that you think He might be telling you.

Next week I shall highlight some verses, worship songs and some questions you might like to pray about for your hour.

### Can you help?

#### 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



#### Ladies' Night Update – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

LADIES NIGHT !

We are looking forward to seeing you all on the 4th October 7pm at St Pauls.

Thank you to all who are coming please remember to bring a friend or family member but let us know so we have the right number of seats.

Please bring your own choice of drink along with a pen for the Quiz!!!!

Thank you to St Pauls for hosting our joint event .

Anne and Louise

The logo for St Peter's Parish Away Day features the text "ST PETER'S" in small white letters at the top, followed by "Parish Away Day" in large, bold, orange letters on a blue background.

## Parish Away Day

### **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 morning prayers online on Saturday 28 Sept & 5 October using this link. This is for half an hour or so of prayers for each other, church, community and world. If you have an item for prayer for the group or have any questions please contact

[Gemma.Richards@justice.gov.uk](mailto:Gemma.Richards@justice.gov.uk) Password to join if needed is hello

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76184382766?pwd=OCOdZC45ltDjfxpFDWmssPGjxc1dej.1>

Meeting ID: 761 8438 2766

Passcode: hello

## **Prayer and support**

### **TakeTime is back for October**

Are you wondering what TakeTime is? This short video explains: <https://youtu.be/q-i77D2mnbA>

Join me (Helen Scott) on Zoom at 8.30pm on Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd October

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5453966983> or Meeting ID: 545 396 6983.

Relax, have a break, enjoy the sense of peace. Just 20 mins long. For a weekly reminder email:

[helsplatt@hotmail.com](mailto:helsplatt@hotmail.com)

### **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

## What we're praying for this week

This week we are praying for the Voluntary Sector. NHS funding has been reduced significantly due to the economic climate, and people who run these invaluable services are desperately seeking funds to continue their work. Let's all pray they find the funding to continue their vital community work.



### Prayer requests

Pray for those who are ill or have other needs, especially members of St. Peter's family: Frank Vose and Frances; Barbara Arkley, Dave Atkin, Lis Bals, Alison Barnard, Jo Baxter, Maureen Bragg, Hazel Fawley, Moira Gledhill, Lorna Hartley, Albert Henning, Ian Hearne, Rowena and Keith Hodgson, Pat Hornby, Barbara Lehane, Ursula Moore, Joyce Taylor, 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.

### Peter Dyer

Please pray for Peter as he is currently in hospital. Please pray for all of those looking after him and for his family.

## 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

### Art Loan Scheme

Interested in something new in your house, at no cost? I have been collecting a lot of different things over many years, and am offering to loan, for periods of from 4 months to upto a year (in some cases, open ended) a range of different things. Please see the options on the sheet on the welcome desk, and speak to or contact Andy Thorlby ([thorlbya@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thorlbya@yahoo.co.uk), 07849 768545).

### 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!



# 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: 67271283

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

# 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)



Bradford North Foodbank is run, in partnership with local churches, for people in our local area.  
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