



ST. PETER'S

— SHIPLEY —



# St Peter's

## Weekly Newsletter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 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.



*"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8*

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**Following Jesus – Making Disciples – Serving Others**

## This weeks reflection from Rev Natasha Thomas

Isaiah 32: 1-17 has been very much in my mind lately, especially as I encounter people in our parish who are struggling with difficult issues in their life as well as personally feeling a little overwhelmed with the wars that are raging in the middle east and between Russia and Ukraine. The prophet tells us that our God will reign in righteousness who will be “Like a hiding place from the wind, a shelter from the storm, the streams of water in a dry place”. Such wonderful imagery of a God who will preserve and protect us, providing the things we need to sustain us. We are told that the Spirit will be poured upon us so that justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever”.

These words tell us that our God is a God that can help us to be still, and that when we are seeking what is to be done to address injustice, we can see a different way of approaching it, that the shelter that is provided is about healing and restoration. That there are places where we can find healing and peace in the face of storms. That we don't always need to be fighting, but can find places of calm.

We are shown that when we allow the Spirit to work and flow in and through our lives, we will find new growth. Growth that brings with it new righteousness and fruitfulness that gives us hope for a broken world to be healed and restored.

So, I invite you to a vigil on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November between 2 and 4pm to pray for peace in the middle east and out world.



## Can you help?

### Fancy a trip... to the tip!

We have a few things that could use going to the tip, and we need some help from the church family to take them. If you are willing and able, please contact the church office. Thank you!

### Messy Church

wants to help you get rid of your clobber! This month we are going to make advent trees and decorations for them, but to do that we need old flowerpots (c. 4" diameter) and round baubles. If you have either of these things lying around and would just love to have them out of your house, please leave them in the box at the back of church before 17th November. Thank you! Jessica and the Messy Church team.

### Volunteers to help with the Alpha course due to run in January...

I appreciate we haven't even got to Christmas yet, but I would be really grateful if I could have 5 volunteers who would be prepared to cook two meals over the time that Alpha will be running from January 14<sup>th</sup> for 10 weeks.

It would also be wonderful if I had a couple of volunteers who would like to run the course with me. Please get in touch with Natasha on 07887707221.



### The Immanuel Project – Christmas Appeal

The Immanuel Project serves homeless and vulnerable adults in Bradford city centre. Every year we give out 120 goody bags at our Christmas celebration and would like donations of the following:

- Chocolate
- Socks (mens and ladies)
- Hats
- Scarves
- Toothbrushes and paste

Please leave donated items in the box at the back of church.

We are also hoping to buy a flask for each guest - if you would like to donate money towards this you can find our appeal here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hotdrinksflaskchristmas>

Thank you so much - our guests really appreciate your support. Mandy Thorlby

### Painting Nativity Animals for outside of the church

We are looking for a few people to join us on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from around 10.30am to help paint our nativity scene that we will be displaying each week outside the church. Many thanks to Christine Moss for painting the first angel to be hung up for the first week of advent.

## Prayer and support

### Saturday Prayers

All are welcome to join for half an hour or so of online prayers for ourselves, church, community and the world, on Zoom on Saturday 16 November at 10 am. For further information or an item for prayer please contact [gemmarichards15@hotmail.com](mailto:gemmarichards15@hotmail.com)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71315694486?pwd=u5tlrqd48KqLNI28ciJgmSL7Ib1NNB.1>

Meeting ID: 713 1569 4486

Passcode: hello

### 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: David Hartley and his sons as they grieve the passing of Lorna who died this week. For Louise Forbes who is recovering from an operation, Nigel Leech who is currently still in hospital – pray for increased strength in all his muscles particularly in his knees and feet; Annabel as she recovers from her foot operation and Jo Baxter from her hip operations; for Frances' dad - Frank Vose, Barbara Arkley, Dave Atkin, Lis Bals, Alison Barnard, Maureen Bragg, Hazel Fawley, Albert and Rita Henning, Ian Hearne, Rowena and Keith Hodgson, Pat Hornby, Barbara Lehane, Ursula Moore, Pam and John Crapper; Joyce Taylor and the Wontner-Smith family. Please also continue to pray for Nancy Cusworth, Keith Scott and the families of Val Ross, Rita Stoney, Glenys Gillow and Peter Dyer 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.

## Mission and Outreach

### Baby Bank...

The PCC have agreed to explore the potential of running a baby bank from St Peter's Church.

Over the next few months, Jenni will be working in the office exploring and preparing the groundwork for the project to support parents/ guardians in welcoming little ones into the world.

In the meantime, if you knit, crochet or sew we would love volunteers to start creating newborn hats, blankets suitable for babies, baby booties, little mitts and or baby jumpers/ cardigans that would be wonderful. If you need a pattern Jenni has plenty!

Because of this, the office hours have been reduced on Wednesday and any questions will be answered the following day.



### Away Day Update.



Apologies, due to being away last week and Jenni being poorly, we didn't manage to get the written-up feedback from the away day ready for the back of the church. We shall have printed copies available, but if you would like them emailed to you, we can also do this, please contact the office for them. If you are interested in a particular area of work, please sign up or again let the office know and then when the group is formed we can let you know. The groups are; Prayer Ministry, Children And Youth, Finance, Pastoral, Mission And Outreach and Buildings.

### Advent Reflection Booklets



We have ordered some reflection booklets to help us slow our pace and focus on God as we journey towards Christmas time through Advent. Please take a copy if you would like from the back of the church, these are free, but we are always happy to have a suggested donation of £2 towards the cost.

## Upcoming events

### Prayer for Peace Vigil

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2-4pm, St Peter's Church

A time to reflect and bring concerns about our world to God, through prayer stations and a still place.

### Hot Aire & Fresh Aire Christmas Concert

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm. St Peter's Church, Shipley.

A selection of Christmas favourites, raffle prizes and cakes. With a special performance from St. Joseph's school choir.

Tickets available from the office or [www.hotaire.org](http://www.hotaire.org). Adults £8. Under 17s £6

## 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!

# Christmas Tree Festival

A wonderland of magical and unique Christmas trees  
creatively decorated by local organisations  
Enjoy festive refreshments and vote for your favourite  
Christmas tree!

Saturday 23rd November – 5–7.30pm  
St Paul's Church, Shipley



**FREE ENTRY – DONATIONS WELCOMED**

Please also bring items for the Bradford North Foodbank

St Paul's Church, Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EH  
[www.stpaulsshipley.org](http://www.stpaulsshipley.org)  
[stpaulsshipley@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsshipley@gmail.com) / 07519 189983





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## At St Peter's, Shipley

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 4PM

**WELCOME SPACE CHRISITMAS PARTY**

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 11AM - 2PM

**CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH**

DECEMBER 15TH DECEMBER, 3.30PM

**THANK YOU PARTY**

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 6PM - 8PM

**SCT + UNIFORM GROUP CAROL SERVICE**

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER, 6.30PM.

**CRIB SERVICE**

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 4.00PM.

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 11.30PM

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**

**FOLLOWED BY A SHORT COMMUNION**

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER, 10:30AM

St Peters Church, Moorehead Lane,  
Shipley, BD18 4JH

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The  
Children's  
Society



# Let's come together to celebrate Christingle.

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

**Come and join us!**

**Location:**

**St Peter's Church, Shipley**

**Date:** Sunday 8th Dec    **Time:** 4pm

**To find out more, contact:**

**Rev. Natasha - 07887 707221**

[christingle.org](http://christingle.org)

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QR code  
to find  
out more.



# Welcome Space



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**Every Friday  
11am - 2pm  
St Peter's Church,  
Moorhead Lane**


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**A place just to come and be.**


**Hot drinks, cake, a light lunch, a  
warm welcome and a chat  
available every Friday.**

**Open to all - just drop in!**

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**16th November 2024**

**7:30pm**

**St Margaret's Church, Frizinghall  
Shipley Fields Road  
BD18 2DH**

**Bring a drink and a snack :-)**

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## Services For This Week & Next

### Services on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

#### Second Sunday before Advent

<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Exploring Hebrews Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8 (Viv Brealey)	<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b>Messy Church!</b> Lots of fun things to come and do to celebrate Jesus (Jessica Criddle)	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Breathe Service @ Windhill</b>
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### Services on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

#### Christ the King / Sunday before Advent

<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b> Christ the King John 18: 33-37 (David Slaney)	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Christ the King Rev 1: 4-8 Mark 10: 35-45 (Joe Batt)	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Christ the King Zechariah 6: 9-end Rev 11: 15-18 (Natasha Thomas)
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### Daily Prayer and Readings

Online Morning Prayer 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 18<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning Prayer</b>					
Ps. 47 Dan. 8. 1-14 Rev. ch. 10	Ps. 52 Dan. 8. 15-end Rev. 11. 1-14	Ps. 56 Dan. 9. 1-19 Rev. 11. 15-end	Ps. 62 Dan. 9. 20-end Rev. ch. 12	Ps. 63 Dan. 10.1 – 11.1 Rev. 13. 1-10	Ps. 78. 1-39 Dan. Ch. 12 Rev. 13. 11-end
<b>Evening Prayer</b>					
Ps. 71 Matt. 7. 1-12	Ps. 67 Matt 7. 13-end	Ps. 91 Matt 8. 1-13	Ps. 76 Matt. 8. 14-22	Ps. 77 Matt. 8. 23-end	Ps. 78. 40-end Matt. 9. 1-17