



ST. PETER'S

— SHIPLEY —



St Peter's

Weekly Newsletter Sunday 27th 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.



"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steady, because they trust in you." Isaiah 26:3

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Following Jesus – Making Disciples – Serving Others



It has felt quite a shock to experience the cold and the snow this week, but as I was walking my mad dog in the snow I was just delighted by the beauty of Hirstwood and I could not believe how blessed I was to be here and in this place of such beauty and calm. This year we are going to be focusing on thinking about how as Christians we need to find a bit of calm and peace as we wait in anticipation for Christ's birthday.

We can get so geared up and stressed with all the activities and expectations that sometimes we lose sight of what it is we are really doing and hoping for in this Christmas period. I hope that you will be able to pick up one of the little booklets (at the back of church) which aim to help us to reflect each day throughout December, as wait for Christmas morning. The focus of these booklets is Follow the Star – calm and bright, looking at ways that during the time advent, we can stay calm but also that we can be the shining stars ourselves.

Please do take a copy or ask someone to bring one to you (if you are unable to get to church - they are at the back of church) and if you can, we are asking for a £2 contribution to help cover the cost.

I love that the focus is about staying calm so we can be bright...because after all if Christmas is all about being stressed, we miss the amazing fact of what it is we are celebrating and remember and looking forward to – that God came in to our world in a way that was so accessible for all people and that He will come again!

So as we look forward to Christmas and remember that Christ is the King, I pray that we are all filled with joy and can sing hosanna for the blessings we have received and find ourselves getting excited about the time to come.

Did you know...



In August this year, we welcomed Kingdom Wrestling and the Thompson family into our church home.

In the past few weeks, Gareth Thompson (Kingdom Wrestling CEO) and our church have been in The Times, and The Daily Star, and has conducted interviews on Talk Sport, Talk TV UK, Times Radio, Jeremy Vine, The Project (broadcast in Australia) and will be mentioned on 'Have I got News for You' on Friday 22nd November AND THERE'S MORE COMING!!

Please see the links below for articles and videos of what's happened.

If you would like a copy of the Times Article, Jenni's printed off some and has put them at the back of the Church.

If you would like to come to Kingdom Wrestling's next event details are as followed:

Friday 6th
December, 6pm at
St Peter's Church

**TICKETS ARE ON
SALE!**

[Kingdom Wrestling](#)



[The 'wrestling church' where athletes battle it out for God](#)

[Church Introduces Live Wrestling To Entice Worshippers](#)

["Body Slams And Baptisms!" | Wrestling Charity Holding Matches With Prayer And Worship](#)

[Church mixes sermons with WWE-style wrestling matches so more people show up - Daily Star](#)

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!

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 14th 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

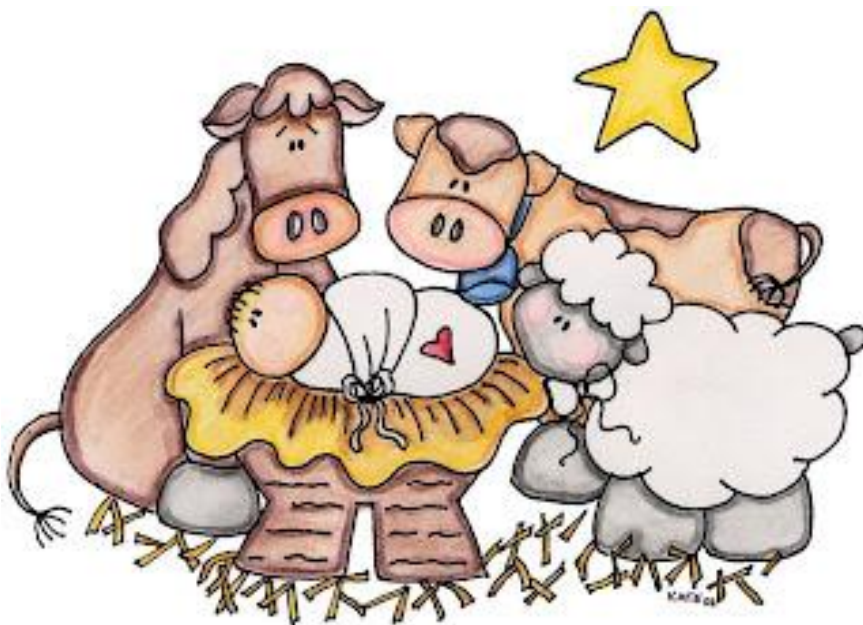
The Immanuel Project serves homeless and vulnerable adults in Bradford city centre. Every year we give out 120 goody bags at our Christmas celebration and would like donations of the following:

- 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 Scene for outside of the church

We are looking for a few people to join us on Saturday 7th 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

Lorna Hartley's Funeral

Lorna's funeral will be held here at St Peter's on Tuesday 3rd December, 1pm.

We will share more information with you closer to the time. Please continue to pray for David and the rest of their family through this difficult period.

December Prayer Calendar

Please take a copy of our '[December Prayer Calendar](#)' at the back of the church. These are things for you to pray about over the month of December.

Saturday Prayers

All are welcome to join online Zoom prayers at 10 am on Saturday 23 / 30 November for half an hour or so of prayers for ourselves, church, community, and wider world. For further information or something for the group to pray about please contact

gemmarichards15@hotmail.com Password if needed is hello

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77171856923?pwd=rDiWkKhIbv4YgG5dlb2yBtJVLz6lN7.1>

Meeting ID: 771 7185 6923

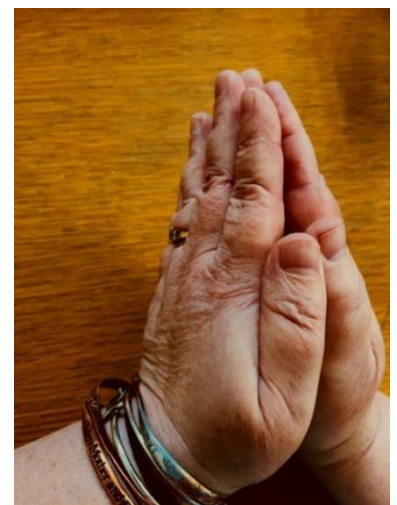
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Just in case

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 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.

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

Sudan 2025 Calendars

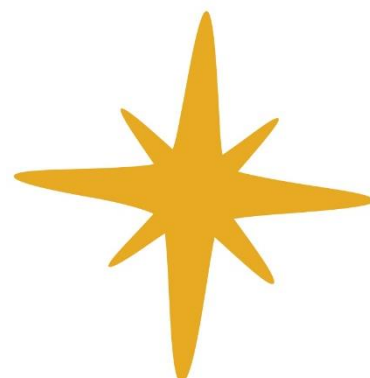
At the back of the church are some copies of the '2025 Calendar from the Diocese Sudan Link'. Each copy costs £2.50 (if you would like to donate more, please do!). The details to pay for them are displayed at the back of the church next to the calendars. Alternatively please contact the Church Office. Thank you.



Advent Reflection Booklets

CALM
and
BRIGHT

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

TAKE NOTE A LOT IS HAPPENING THIS SATURDAY!!!

1. Prayer for Peace Vigil

Saturday 23rd 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.

2. SHIPLEY LIGHT SWITCH ON

The lights are being switched on and Revd Emma is welcoming people to the market place before the lights go on around 4.30pm

3. ST PAULS' CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT

An opportunity to warm up at St Paul's with a cuppa and the first mince pie whilst looking round all the beautiful trees sponsored by local organisations.

Hot Aire & Fresh Aire Christmas Concert

Saturday 7th 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. 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, 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!

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
stpaulsshipley@gmail.com / 07519 189983





Christmas

At St Peter's, Shipley

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 4PM

WELCOME SPACE CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 11AM - 2PM

CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 3.30PM

CHURCH 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

WITH A SHORT COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER, 10:30AM

St Peter's Church, Moorhead Lane,
Shipley, BD18 4JH

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CELEBRATE CHRISTINGLE WITH US!

HELPING GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A BRIGHTER FUTURE

FIND OUT HOW AN ORANGE, A CANDLE
AND SOME SWEETS TALK ABOUT THE
LOVE OF GOD.



8TH DECEMBER, 4PM

ST PETER'S CHURCH, SHIPLEY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
CONTACT REV. NATASHA

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The
Children's
Society

Welcome Space



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


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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Services For This Week & Next

Services on Sunday 24th November

Christ the King / Sunday before Advent

9.30 am	All Age Worship Christ the King John 18: 33-37 (David Slaney)	11.15 am	Morning Worship Christ the King Rev 1: 4-8 Mark 10: 35-45 (Joe Batt)	6.30 pm	Holy Communion Christ the King Zechariah 6: 9-end Rev 11: 15-18 (Natasha Thomas)
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Services on Sunday 1st December

Advent Sunday

9.30 am	All Age Worship Advent – Slowing Down! Meditation on Isaiah (Helen Scott)	11.15 am	Holy Communion Advent – Slowing Down! Meditation on Isaiah (Helen Scott)	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Reset Advent Isaiah 51:4-11 Romans 13:11-end (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 25th November 2024 – Saturday 30th November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning Prayer					
Ps. 96 Isa. 40. 1 - 11 Rev. 14. 1 - 13	Ps. 97 Isa. 40. 12-26 Rev. 14. 14.14 - 15.end	Ps. 112 Isa. 40.27 - 41.7 Rev. 16. 1-11	Ps. 125 Isa. 41. 8 - 20 Rev. 16. 12 - end	Ps. 139 Isa. 41.21 - 42.9 Rev. ch. 17	Ps. 47; 147. 1 - 12 Ezek. 47. 1 - 12 John 12. 20-32
Evening Prayer					
Ps. 80 Matt. 9. 18 - 34	Ps. 101 Matt 9.35 - 10.15	Ps. 122 Matt 10. 16 - 23	Ps. 133 Matt. 10.34 - 11.1	Ps. 146 Matt. 11. 2 -19	Ps. 87; 96 John 1. 35 - 42