



ST. PETER'S
— SHIPLEY —



St Peter's Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 19th January 2025

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.



"May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

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Following Jesus – making disciples – serving others

Link to Sunday Mornings Service – Sunday 19th January

During the month of January we will be broadcasting our 11.15am service to make sure our service is accessible for those who can't make it during this month.

Sunday 19th January:

https://youtube.com/live/V5Z96J_EIRE?feature=share

This weeks reflection from Rev Natasha Thomas

This week is the week of Christian Unity and is an opportunity to think about the things that we have in common with our brothers and sisters who follow God through different denominations. At the heart of the suggested reflections for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is the question posed by Jesus to Martha: 'Do you believe this?' (John 11:26). This same question resonated throughout the deliberations of the first Ecumenical Council, meeting in Nicaea in 325, which gathered Christian communities from around the world to strengthen their relationships as the Church of Jesus Christ.

Read in isolation the question might appear as a stark challenge, but from the Gospel story it is clear that the words of Jesus are spoken in love and experienced as invitation as well as challenge. Similarly, while the Council of Nicaea was not without its challenges as a wounded and scattered Church sought to discern the truth of the Gospel message, there was an obvious desire to deepen connection and belonging and to live faithfully as disciples of Christ.

Reflecting on these moments we are reminded that the gift of our faith brings both support and challenge. The Nicene Creed, is a way that we can recognise that we share history across the different Christian traditions, despite the many ways in which our paths may have diverged in the years since. There is an opportunity to celebrate and draw strength and encouragement from the gift of our shared faith. In these troubled and turbulent times, we can take heart from the endurance of that faith. The Church that gathered in Nicaea was one that had been shaken and wounded by violence and persecution and was therefore close to the suffering of humanity. It was presented with an opportunity for dialogue with the political power which posed difficult choices about how best to share the Good News of the Gospel as faithful disciples of Christ, whose Kingdom is not of this world. In today's polarised world, when trust in the willingness of political powers and authorities, including the Church, to protect the most vulnerable has been undermined, how might a renewal of our commitment to Christian unity contribute to positive change?

(Thoughts taken from Dr Nicola Brady, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

Do We Believe?

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
Do we Believe?

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
Do You Believe?

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
Do You Believe?

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
Do We believe?

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen
Do We believe?

Alive in Christ - Resource

For daily readings throughout the coming weeks which you can find by following this link: [Alive in Christ — Resourcing Renewal](#)

Can you help?

Prayer Team Needed for Kingdom Wrestling event – 25th Jan at 7pm for half an hour or so.

We need a few volunteers to come and pray for people at the next Kingdom Wrestling event here at St Peter's. If you are interested please speak to Natasha.

This Sunday there will be prayer ministry taking place during coffee time. Please make use of this opportunity to pray with others.



ALIVE IN CHRIST

Prayer and support

Pru Price

As many of you will know by now Pru Price died just after Christmas. Pru belonged to St Peter's for many years and was an enthusiastic member of our choir.

Pru's funeral will be held here at St. Peter's on Tuesday 28th January at 3pm.

Please pray for her daughter Allison, her sons Gareth and Mark and their families.

Everyone is invited to join the family at the end of life celebration at the Mercure Hotel after the church service.

Saturday Prayers

Happy New Year everyone. I have set up a link for Saturday zoom prayers for this Saturday.

All are welcome to join online prayers on 18 January at 10 am for half an hour or so of online prayers as we pray for the church, the community, and wider world. If you have something for the group to pray about, or any questions please contact

gemmarichards15@hotmail.com If a password is needed it is hello

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73533736934?pwd=a9dzYJ6TztZA2DLAkATb6oFv1Zu0qk.1>

Meeting ID: 735 3373 6934



Prayer requests

We pray for all those we know who are not well this time particularly Viv, and pray that she recovers quickly from her pneumonia. Keith Brown who has had a nasty fall on the ice.

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.

Please pray for InnChurches as they prepare to open the doors of the Baptist church to 12 people who have no where warm to sleep It opens for 7days. So pray for warmth, hospitality, and safety for all.

Upcoming events

Safeguarding Training – Basic Awareness

Thank you to those of you who volunteer here at St Peter's. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without you.

To continue with our work we need any one and everyone who volunteers with us to undertake 'Basic Awareness Training'. If you're unable to complete the training online we are holding an in-person session on Sunday 9th February.

Pastoral Meeting Thursday 30 Jan at 7pm in the Hope Chapel

Our Church Away Day feedback identified pastoral work as an important area of our church life. There is already a small team doing much pastorally, as well as informal pastoral support many of us offer. The aim of this meeting is to look at where the gaps might be, and how we as church members might respond to them. You are all warmly invited to this meeting, please come to share your ideas! Zahida Mallard, Karen Parkinson, Gemma Richards

Men's Group - Curry Night

Friday 7th February 7pm at Shimla Spice Shipley, please sign up on sheet on welcome desk or email martinforbes@gmail.com by Sunday 2nd, remember if you like a alcoholic drink to take your own. Thanks, Martin

Gordon Dey & Mervyn's Sri Lanka Trip

Some of you might be interested in exploring a pilgrimage tour of Sri Lanka later in the year. For all of us, having a personal glimpse of their rich and wide faith heritage may be enriching as we seek to build a more loving world in our own 'backyard'. For more information, please ask Mervyn or collect a flyer at the Welcome Desk.

Breathe Service 6.30pm at St Peters

An opportunity to pray, worship and break bread together with our brothers and sisters from different churches and denominations

Collective Clear Out Day!

clear up Saturday for 1st February, time to make the church and its buildings feel truly welcoming to our guests.

PCC is on Thursday 23rd Jan

If there is anything you would like to raise with the leadership team, please tell any member of the PCC or contact Natasha so it can be raised

Parish Prayer Walk

We'll be continuing our regular 'Parish Walk' on Tuesday 28th January at 9am, starting from Church and seeing which we are called to pray. All are welcome, please make sure you wear sensible shoes and bring a waterproof in case it rains.

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.

Church Notices

Deadline to complete contact form (in preparation for Who's Who)

We ask for all complete consent forms to be handed back to the office by Sunday 23rd February for the admin team to produce the 'Who's Who' booklet. Any forms handed in after that date will not be added and will have to wait until the next one is produced. If you need a form there's plenty on the 'Welcome Desk'. Thank you.

Mission & Outreach

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.

Generosity and giving



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!

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".

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 the next two weeks

Services on Sunday 19 th January					
Epiphany 2					
11.15 am	Morning Worship Week of Christian unity John 13:3-5 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 (Keith Jones – Baptist Minister)	3.30 pm	Messy Church Lots of fun and exciting things to do learning about Jesus, followed by a meal. (Jessica Criddle)	6.30 pm	Holy Communion Breathe Service @ St Peter's (Natasha Thomas)

Services on Sunday 26 th January					
Epiphany 3					
9.30 am	All Age Worship Alive in Christ – Facing temptation! Luke 4:1-15, (Natasha Thomas)	11:15 am	Morning Worship Christians Against Poverty Luke 4:1-15, (Natasha and Mayme - CAP)	6.30 pm	Holy Communion Becoming co-workers of truth Deut. 30:11-15 3 John 1, 5-8 (Andy Thorbly)

Daily Prayer and Readings for this week

Morning Prayer takes place on Tuesdays & 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](#)

20 th January 2025 – 25 th January 2025					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning Prayer					
Ps. 146 Amos 6 1 Cor. 6.1 - 11	Ps. 132 Amos 7 1 Cor. 6.12 - end	Ps. 81 Amos 8 1 Cor. 7. 1-24	Ps. 76 Amos 9 1 Cor. 7.25 - end	Ps. 27 Hosea 1.1 – 2.1 1 Cor. 8	Ps. 66, 173. 13 - end Ezek. 39. 1-10 Phili. 3. 1-14
Evening Prayer					
Ps. 71 Matt 24. 1-14	Ps. 89. 1-37 Matt. 24.15-28	Ps. 97 Matt. 24. 29-end	Ps. 111 Matt. 25. 1-13	Ps. 73 Matt. 25. 14-30	Ps. 85 Col. 1.24-2.7

This Church operates a Safeguarding Policy in line with national and diocesan guidelines. Our Safeguarding Officer is Frances Vose, T: 07972647427, E: safeguarding@stpetes.org.uk
ChildLine can be contacted on 0800 1111