



ST. PETER'S
— SHIPLEY —



St Peter's

Newsletter

February 9th 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.

"Make allowance for each other's faults and



forgive anyone who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Colossians 3:17

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Following Jesus – making disciples – serving others

This week's reflection from Rev Natasha Thomas

On Wednesday morning I had the joy of leading communion at St Paul's church and to preach on how Jesus could not be accepted by his own town, because they knew that he was the carpenter's son, they knew his brothers and sisters, so how could he be someone so special. Even though they had heard of all the things he had done, they could not accept him as the son of God. They rejected him. They could not see past their way of seeing things.

And this is so easy for all of us, we are tempted to see people as certain types, people are put into certain categories and in a way its a necessary thing to do in order to navigate the world to keep ourselves safe. But the problem is, if we are not aware that this is what we are doing we fail to see God. We fail to be compassionate to others who perhaps we don't like the look of, or sound of. We fail to notice that they may be able to teach us something amazing about God. That sometimes our prejudices, will block our ability to love our neighbour as ourselves. Will block our ability to reach out and encourage another. In Hebrews we are told "To pursue peace with everyone. So that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble". Lets pray that God shows us when we fail to love another, and helps us to overcome our assumptions and presumptions. Amen



Alive in Christ - Resource

This week we consider how we come to be alive in Christ, through forgiveness. A thing we promise to do each week, if not daily when we say the Lord's prayer but it is something that is so hard to do. But as we learnt last week, we are in a battle where we need to stay vigilant and be disciplined in our approach to loving God as we know how He has forgiven us. So hard to do...one of the first steps in forgiveness is to talk to the person who has offended you, then if that hasn't worked, the next step that Jesus tells us to do is to bring someone with you to talk to the person, and then again to bring more with you. This so often helps us to understand perspectives and possibly highlights our own faults in the breakdown of a relationship. Please contact me if this raises anything for you, and how we might support you to rebuild broken relationships.

Can you help?



Collective Clear Out Day – PART 2!

Thank you so much to everyone who came to help last Saturday, to begin clearing things away into the skip! As we still have room in the skip and there is still plenty of things to get rid of, there will be a part 2 session on **Saturday 15th February 10.30am**. A time to make the church and its buildings feel truly welcoming to our guests. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Prayer and support

Saturday Prayers

All are welcome to join us for half an hour or so of online prayers on Zoom at 10 am on Saturday 8, 15 and 22 February to pray for each other, church and wider world. For more info or something for the group to pray about please contact gemmarichards15@hotmail.com

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78286877467?pwd=b0oTfOK1hpbKms4RJVfEI1K9fbbxZY.1>

Meeting ID: 782 8687 7467

Passcode: hello

Prayer requests

Please pray for those who are no longer able to attend St Peters due to poor health: Suhail Sweiss; for Mary Bavington; for Pam and John Capper; for David Hartley; for Ursula Moore; for Barbara Arkley. Pray that they know God's love and that they find his comfort in their lives.



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.

News and updates



Children & Youth update

Could you help make meals at Messy Church happen? The meal is a vital part of the service, but we need to expand our team to look after our current volunteers. We are looking for people who can plan meals, buy ingredients or come along and cook for us. If you think this is something you could do to serve our families, please speak to Jessica.

Mission & Outreach

Wanted for JOY

JOY hope to send another container to Yemen in April: Wheelchairs, commodes, incontinence pads, trainers wanted, 5kg bags rice or pasta Medical supplies of any sort to send to Ukraine in the monthly delivery. We need another trustee; if anyone feels the Lord nudging them in this direction, we would be very grateful. Kathy



Upcoming events

Gordon Dey & Mervyn's Sri Lanka Trip

Dear Pilgrim Friends,

We're making steady progress with plans for our Pilgrimage to Sri Lanka. We hope to have a solid plan that we can share with you sometime next week. In the meantime, we can confirm the following: DATES: September 19th - Oct 3rd - Qatar Airways flight from Manchester via Doha to Colombo with similar return.

PREPARATION MEETINGS:

- Saturday February 8th, 2.00 pm at St. Peter's Church Shipley BD18 4JH.
We're confident we'll have most of the logistics of the trip sorted by then.
We hope to update those who were at the first meeting and also hope to welcome people who were not able to attend our first meeting, and others who have come on board more recently.
- Saturday March 15th, 2.00 pm, also at St Peters for a follow up meeting to finalise the arrangements.

We'll continue our preparation by beginning to explore the background story to Sri Lanka and its peoples.

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 anyone 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 after the 11.15am service (12.15pm).**

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

Ladies Night – 28th February

We are holding another ladies night along with St Pauls and Christchurch on Friday 28th February.

We have now booked Sambucca Italian Restaurant on Leeds Road . It's very reasonably priced and has a fantastic atmosphere along with tasty food.

We would love to see you there. We can offer lifts if people have difficulties getting there.

Time to arrive is 7.30 to sit down at 7.40pm.

For more information and booking please contact Anne Luxton 07547 187624 or Louise Forbes 07794 809256 or home number 01274 035671.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to join us as numbers may be limited. There is also a sign up sheet at the back of church.

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.

Generosity and giving



Bradford North Foodbank – Shipley

Thank you for your continued donations - January and February often see lower food donations but more people coming to us needing support.

In our last two sessions alone at Shipley, we've fed 93 people - half of whom were children.

At this time we especially continue to need: UHT fruit juice, UHT milk, 2-in-1 shampoo/shower gel, tinned fruit and tin openers.

Please also pray for those working to relieve the burden of debt - CAP, the foodbank, our financial inclusion advisors and many others.

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 on 07849 768435 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!

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

10th February 2025 – 15th February 2025					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning Prayer					
Ps. 30 Joel 1:1-14 John 15. 1 - 11	Ps. 37 Joel 1:15- end John 15:12- 17	Ps. 34 Joel 2:1-17 John 15:18-end	Ps. 37 Joel 2:18-27 John 16:1-15	Ps. 31 Joel 2:28- end John 16:16- 22	Ps. 42 Joel 3:1-3; 9-end John 16: 23- end
Evening Prayer					
Ps. 28 1 Tim 1:1-17	Ps. 33 1 Tim 1:18- end of 2	Ps. 119:35-56 1 Tim 3	Ps. 40 1 Tim 4	Ps. 35 1 Tim 5:1-16	Ps. 46 1 Tim 5:17- end

Services for this month

Services on Sunday 9th February

4 Before Lent

9.30 am	All Age Holy Communion Alive in Christ – Forgiven & Forgiving Colossians 3:1-17 (David Slaney)	11.15 am	Morning Worship Alive in Christ – Forgiven & Forgiving Colossians 3:1-17 Luke 5:1-11 (Natasha Thomas)	6.30 pm	Holy Communion Putting your faith in God Psalms 3 & 4 Acts 3: 1-10 (Mike Moss)
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Services on Sunday 16th February

3 Before Lent

11.15 am	Holy Communion Alive in Christ – Transformed for Service Romans 12: 1-8 John: 15:16 (Natasha Thomas)	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 <i>@ St Paul's</i> (Brian Greenfield)
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