



**ST. PETER'S**  
— SHIPLEY —

# ST PETER'S



## SUNDAY SERVICES

**9.30AM ALL IN SERVICE**

**11.15AM MORNING WORSHIP  
WITH THE BAPTISM OF  
JAY SLANEY**

**6.30PM CELTIC COMMUNION**

## WHO TO CONTACT

The office:  
office@stpetes.org.uk  
Tel: 01274 400 381  
Rev Natasha Thomas  
natasha.thomas@stpetes.org.uk  
tel: 07887 707221

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

**This Week's Theme:  
Unity and Diversity  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

On March 24th at 7pm we will have our First Outreach Meeting held in the Hope Chapel. This will be a time where we shall put forward ideas as to ways in which we can engage and share God's love. If you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions why not join us, or let Louise Forbes or Natasha know in advance so we can include your ideas.

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION.

Lent is a time for reflection, a time to examining our lives and prepare ourselves for Easter. So it was wonderful to go to Parceval Hall for Alpha as we asked for the Holy Spirit to come and shape our lives.

We reflected on the hope that we have, that comes with the help of the Holy Spirit, and how we need to intentionally ask for his help as our supporter, comforter or advocate to help us to change. To help us let go of the things that hold us back from being the child of God that He longs us to be.

I pray that we all are able to find some space over these coming weeks to think about the things that trouble us, the things that stop us from loving others or ourselves, and that we are able to hold onto the hope that the crucifixion and resurrection gives us. Psalm 146 tells us that we are not to put our trust in things that are human for they will come to nothing, but instead to put our faith in the Maker of Heaven and Earth, for He remains faithful forever.

It takes courage to trust and to have faith in God. To try to change our behaviours, to be better human beings. And that is why we need the Spirit of God to help us, to guide us and to prompt us.

Rev Natasha Thomas



## Changes to the team...

I am delighted to confirm that we have appointed Joseph Buthee as our new Families and Youth Coordinator. He is due to start work on Monday 24th March

We said a thank you and wished every blessing to Kerry on Thursday as she goes on maternity leave. As a result we will be greatly reduced in our administrative hours and capacity. That said, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed Jen Titchmarch for 6 hours. She currently also works at St Paul's so this will help the 3 parishes to work closer together. We are now looking for someone to cover the remaining 6 hrs and possibly a further 13 hrs, so please bear with us as we manage without the usual support from the office.

## Things happening this week...

**Call the Midwife Lent group** every Wednesday, 3pm - 4pm at St Peters

**Shipley Christians Together Soup and Reflection Lent group** - Thursday 26th 6.30pm at the Baptist church

**Outreach Strategic meeting** 24th March 7pm in the Hope Chapel. Please join us if you are interested in how we might reach out in service to our local community

**Wrestling Church** 29th March 6.30pm at St Peter's. We are looking for a team of people who can offer prayer during the interval if you can help please contact Natasha

**Creation care & Eco church** 5th April 10.45- 12.15 - in the Hope Chapel for a next steps meeting. A chance to catch up and to consider what we can do to tackle the climate crisis and improve our carbon footprint

### SAFE-GUARDING:

If you have any safe-guarding concerns please contact our safe guarding officer: Frances Vose  
frances@stpetes.org.uk

## Welcome Place

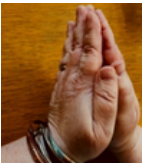
I am very sad to inform you that due to an end in funding from the council which has paid for Anabelle's 13hrs she has made the hard decision that she will leave at the end of the month. We plan to keep Welcome Place open relying on volunteers to make the soup and to serve those who come in. We can afford to employ someone for 4 hours to make soup. Please contact Karen P. if you would like to more

### Lent TakeTime series

Prayerfully imagine yourself in the Easter story through a guided meditation. Join Helen Scott on Zoom at 8.30pm on Wednesdays 19th March; 9th, 16th April.  
Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/5453966983> or Meeting ID: 545 396 6983.

## People and Things to Pray for...

Barbara Arkley's funeral will be on Thursday 10th April at 1.30pm at St Peter's church followed by a service at Shay Grange Crematorium. Please pray that God provides comfort and support to those who were close to her.



Please pray for those in our family who continue to be ill and unwell at this time Particularly: Joan Newman who is to remain in hospital for several weeks as she undergoes some new treatment. She is on ward

Please pray for Jenni Reid, John and Pam and David Crapper. We pray for those who due to frailty are struggling to come to church now: Ursula Moore, Rita and Albert Hennings; Maureen Bragg, Mary Bavington, Joan Barton, Ken Barton and Suhail Sweiss.

We give thanks that due to new medication that David Hartley is feeling a lot better now.

### Saturday Prayers

All are welcome to use the zoom link to join a prayer group from St Peter's for half an hour or so on Saturday 10 am.

**Password is: hello Meeting ID: 737 2432 0146 Passcode: hello**

## Pray for Our Missions...

### Supporting the work in Sudan

The United nations for refugees and displaced people have identified that 50% of the population is dependent on humanitarian aid. That's 25 million people need humanitarian assistance. 12 million are internally displaced, 9 million since April 2023. Those working in the Sudan, will tell you the same story, the abuse of women, of children, of rape, of kidnappings. There are 10 famine areas where people have no food, where people are dying of hunger. Out of the 10, the UN only have access to four. The church is trying to find ways in which it can support its people in such horrendous conditions.



### Electoral Roll...



Every 6 years **EVERYONE** has to sign up to the electoral roll, so that you can be part of the democratic process of the church. This is different from the contact form! Please fill in a form from the back of church or better still complete the online form via this link. Thank you