



ST. PETER'S
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SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30am All-In Communion
11.15am Morning Worship
6.30pm Celtic Communion

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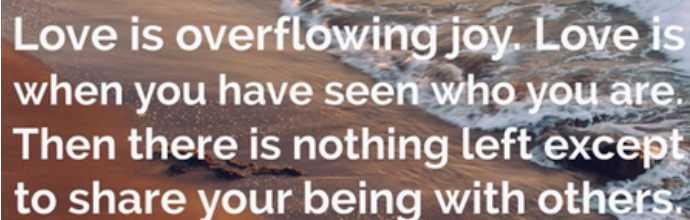
4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This Week's Theme:
Who is my Neighbour?

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

This Week's Scripture:

As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do your work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us. Colossians 1: 12-13



Love is overflowing joy. Love is when you have seen who you are. Then there is nothing left except to share your being with others.

As I look forward to taking the next couple of weeks off, I can feel myself unwind. I am someone who loves the sun, so to be able to go to Kefalonia with Chris, my girls and my mum fills me with joy. I have a stack of books that I over optimistically think I will read and I look forward to swimming in the sea. Holidays are wonderful and I know I am so very lucky to be able to have this time to recharge my batteries, to go to somewhere different and to have a family that I want to be with. For some people being stuck and having to remain in the same place, doing the same thing over and over can feel so hard. It might be in a difficult job, it might be because they are a carer, or because they are disabled or just do not have the income to do something different.

And so they have to endure. They have to persevere like it or not. Paul's letter to the Colossians is one that aims to encourage those who are in hard places, that they should not lose heart. He wants to encourage them to remember that how we respond to difficulty is what is so important. The Samaritan risked danger and possible attack by going over to check the injured, robbed man. He provides so much more than is expected. His generosity overflows from him. Paul wants to encourage those who risk themselves in giving to others that they'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. His experience of going through hardship is to know that you can in fact find joy and peace in this experience and then once you do, you find it overflows in love and generosity to others. At times, we can feel tired out from life and therefore stop seeing the difference that each of us can make, in making the world a better place. God does want us to find times of rest, times for recharging, but He also wants us to know that we are part of the picture in making things beautiful in the world. For ourselves and for others.

Rev Natasha

Eco Tips

Wanting to know some of the things the Bible says about the environment - Christian Aid's website is a good starting point

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/news/7-bible-verses-about-nature-and-environment>



Coming Up...

Bring & Share Ladies Quiz Night - Friday 18th July, 7pm, St Paul's Church. Please text / email if you're able to come and if you are bringing a main or pudding.
Louise Forbes - 07794 809256 / louisemforbes.lf@gmail.com.

Mission BBQ - Saturday 19th July, 2pm at the Agars'

Men's Group Bowls Evening - Friday 1st August, 7pm, St Peter's Bowling Club, Fern Hill Road. Please text / email Martin Forbes: martinforbes@gmail.com / 07498 919508.

Vicarage Garden Party - Saturday 2nd August, 2-4pm.

Kingdom Wrestling Family Day - Saturday 23rd August, 12-3pm, St Peter's Church

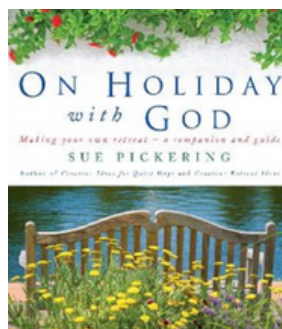
NEXT SUNDAY...

11.15am Holy Communion
3.30pm Messy Church
6.30pm BREATHE - Prayer Walk from Christchurch, Windhill

SAFEGUARDING:

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

Summer Reads

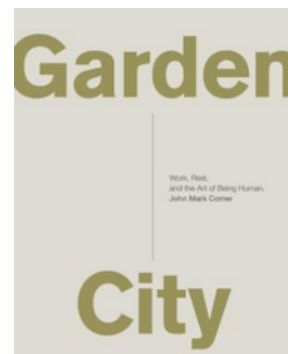


On holiday with God by Sue Pickering

This is a 'travel companion' for those who want to make a personal retreat in the Christian tradition, either at home or away, alone or with others.

Garden City: Work, Rest, and the Art of Being Human by John Mark Comer

In Garden City, popular pastor and speaker John Mark Comer gives a fresh take on our calling and our purpose, with a surprisingly counter-culture take. Through his creative and conversational style, Comer takes a good look at Genesis and the story of a man, a woman, and a garden. He unpacks God's creation and his original intent for how we are meant to spend our time.



Thank You from Shipley Open Gardens

Thank you to all who supported Shipley Open Gardens. The event was a joyful occasion with many visitors. £2730 was raised for the Children's Society and over £750 for other charities, including Hive, (who last year were present at St Peter's whilst their building in Shipley was being improved). Follow 'Shipley Open Gardens' on Facebook.

People and Things to Pray for...

Please continue to pray for those who are ill and unwell at this time. We pray for those who, due to frailty, are struggling to come to church now. Also, let us remember those who have a caring responsibility for their loved ones.



Pray for Our Missions...

Shipley Baby Bank - Donations Needed!

The Shipley Baby Bank aims to provide baby clothes and essential items to the local community free of charge.



Please donate clean and suitable baby clothes (0-12 months), blankets, nappies and baby toiletries. Items can be placed in the donation basket in church.

If you would like to donate financially to the Baby Bank, please scan the QR code above to donate via our Give A Little page today!

