



ST. PETER'S  
— SHIPLEY —

# ST PETER'S



## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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## 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**This Week's Theme:**  
**Waiting on God**

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

### Be a Martha about becoming a Mary - Joseph Buthee

In Luke 10:38-42, Martha, the devoted host, bustles about her home, pouring her heart into preparing meals and ensuring every detail is perfect for her guests. Her tireless efforts, though admirable, leave her frazzled, while Mary, at first glance, seems sluggish, sitting at Jesus' feet. With a loud huff and puff, Martha urges Jesus to nudge Mary into helping. He pierces "Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her." Mary had found the pearl of his presence. *Selah.*

My 16-year-old self, always hunting for a holy excuse to dodge chores, loved to use this passage! But Jesus isn't praising idleness; He's calling us to prioritise his presence.

In our frenetic 21st-century lives, we're juggling chaos, battling through the school queue to drop little Elijah, dodging the barrage of Mum chat, sprinting for the 7:42am train to Leeds, then navigating a blizzard of emails and deadlines in a hectic office. How can we be 'Marys' amidst this? Can we be Mary's whilst serving in the 'Arthur and Martha's' rota?

This is an issue not unique to this century, nobility would travel from all over to watch a 17th-century pot washer who found God while scrubbing dishes amongst the clamour of a working kitchen, Brother Lawrence; "In the noise and clatter of my kitchen," he wrote, "I possess God in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees at the Blessed Sacrament." His secret? Embracing Mary's heart within a Martha's to-do list.

Many tick "Christian" on diversity forms these days with little commitment to the title, Jesus used a different title, a higher call; disciple. Perhaps the word apprentice is more suited to our modern ears, less a noun than a verb. The New Testament uses "disciple" 269 times and "Christian" only three. Discipleship demands effort. It sounds a bit Martha, right? Yet, what if the one place we're called to be like Martha is in our pursuit of becoming like Mary? A.W. Tozer urges, "Set the direction of your hearts towards Jesus" these days we struggle not to set direction of our eyes to our iPhone; is it possible to disciple and rewire our gaze to meet his Love? To abide (live) in the vine.

Loving God with all our heart, soul and strength seems daunting, but it is the greatest pursuit...and command (Deuteronomy 6:5). A treasure worth everything, like Mary's captivated love, a pearl so precious we'd sell all to possess it. The one place we're called to "strive" is to "enter His rest" (Hebrews 4:11). So, pause... regularly. "Be still... Know Him" (Psalm 46:10) 'know' =yada, a Hebrew word for knowing deeply, intimately, experientially; Experience him. The mark of true discipleship is to be with him, praying without ceasing, glancing throughout the day, finding Mary's heart in our Martha world.

## Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers needed for the Kingdom Wrestling Family Day to help with BBQ and activities. Please email [joseph.buthee@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:joseph.buthee@stpetes.org.uk) if you are able to help. Thank you.

## Eco Tips

Sunscreen is vital but in your holiday planning look for ones that don't use oxybenzone or octinoxate as these can damage marine life and coral reefs.

## Mission BBQ

### Important update!

The Mission BBQ is postponed this Saturday due to inclement weather!

New date:

Saturday 26th July, 2pm at the Agars'

Please sign up at the back of church or let Frances know that you are coming.

## Coming Up...

### Re-scheduled

Mission BBQ - Saturday 26th 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](mailto:martinforbes@gmail.com) / 07498 919508.

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

Biker Breakfast - Saturday 16th August, 9.30-11am, St Peter's Church

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

### NEXT SUNDAY...

10.30am All-In Morning Worship  
6.30pm Celtic Communion

### SAFEGUARDING:

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact our safeguarding officer:

Frances Vose -  
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**KINGDOM WRESTLING**

**FAMILY DAY**

AN ACTION-PACKED DAY FOR ALL AGES

Saturday 23rd August 2025, 12-3pm, St Peter's Church

- BBQ
- Fun Games & Activities
- Try Martial Arts and Wrestling!
- Meet Your favourite Wrestler! Chat and snap photos!

## Biker Breakfast

Are you a biker? Do you know any bikers?

If so, do come along with your biker friends (and your bikes!) to our

Biker Breakfast on

Saturday 16th August, 9.30-11am  
at St Peter's Church.

This is a free event, organised in collaboration with Mental Health Motorbike, with donations very much welcomed for the Shipley Baby Bank.

Please share with anyone who you think may wish to attend.



**FREE**  
DONATIONS WELCOMED

ST PETER'S CHURCH  
**BIKER BREAKFAST**  
Serving bacon butties and veggie alternatives

Saturday 16th August  
9.30-11AM

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## 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!

