



ST. PETER'S
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SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30am All-In Morning Worship
6.30pm Celtic Communion

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6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This Week's Theme:
Lord's Prayer

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

One of the riches that we have to be thankful for at St Peter's is the variety of different ways of worshipping we have here. But however we worship, the Lord's Prayer is the one thing that we always say together. Other ways of praying are important - saying sorry to God for the things that have gone wrong, stating together the shared things we believe in, bringing our concerns for the world and each other before God. But we can do those in different ways and we don't always need to do all of them at once!

The Lord's Prayer is different though. We can all struggle with prayer - knowing what to pray for and how to pray it. The disciples clearly had the same issue but they knew praying had to be important because Jesus did it so much. When they asked Jesus how they should pray, he told them what to do and so we are wise to pay attention.

The Lord's prayer stops us from turning our prayer into giving God a To Do list of messes we'd like him to sort out, or a shopping list of things we'd like, please. Our priorities are almost certainly not God's - and the Lord's prayer helps us get our prayers in the right order.

So as we think on Sunday about Jesus's gift of teaching us how to pray, a challenge to bring the Lord's prayer into your life in some way, every day this week. There are lots of ways you can do it - here are just two suggestions - but whatever you do, use this opportunity to rediscover the value of a treasure you might have forgotten you own!

1. Try and say the Lord's Prayer every day this week. It might help to choose a set time - 9am, 12 noon, 4pm - and, if you have a smart watch or phone, set yourself a reminder! If you forget, or can't make that time, don't stress it - but try and pray the words at least once, every day.
2. Use the Lord's prayer as a framework for your own prayers. It's not a magic spell where we repeat one set of words and it will 'work'. Use it to help you to pray more widely - where in your world and the wider world, does God's kingdom need to break through and his will be done? Who specifically has practical needs that you're asking God to meet? What are you sorry for and who do you need to forgive? Where are you aware that malice and evil are holding sway that you want to see delivered?

And remember - you're talking to your heavenly dad - and your dad rules the kingdom, holds all the power and deserves all the glory - for ever and ever Amen!

Viv Brealey

This Week's Scripture:

"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him,
'Lord, teach us to pray....'

Luke 11:1

Safeguarding Training

Basic Safeguarding Training will be taking place in church after the 10.30am service this coming Sunday 27th July. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Welcome Space

Welcome Space are taking a well-earned 4-week break over the summer, but look forward to seeing you all again on Friday 29th August.

Volunteers Needed!

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

Coming Up...

Basic Safeguarding Training - Sunday 27th July, 11.30am

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.

Domestic Abuse Training - Sunday 10th August, 11.30am

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 Holy Communion
6.30pm Reset: Evening Worship

SAFEGUARDING:

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



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.

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...Sudan

As we know, the turmoil and destruction in the country of Sudan continues with mass famine and destruction. But the churches that have not been destroyed are full.

With Archbishop Ezekiel's leading, Leeds diocese have been able to support two Youth Conferences in Port Sudan and have provided funds for an Agricultural Project growing the basic carbohydrate, sorghum. Additionally as a diocese, we have supported the payment of clergy salaries across the country and have provided some pay for Khartoum Diocesan staff not able to leave the capital. (They were unpaid for 8 months.) Through funds raised, we as a diocese have provided relief through the church for those in need.

Christians in Sudan continue strong in faith and hope, and are greatly deserving of our companionship. There's a monthly prayer diary for Sudan - if you would like to receive a copy, email sudanlinkcontact@gmail.com.

You're Invited!

Come along to the Vicarage Garden Party next weekend! Saturday 2nd August, 2-4pm.

