



ST. PETER'S
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SUNDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK & NEXT

9.30am All-In Service
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Reset: Evening Worship

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

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THIS WEEK'S THEME Giving

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

This is quite a hard passage to hear, to understand and respond to. How many of us can say that we will put God before our family in order to follow Him? In this passage, Jesus uses strong language to emphasize the seriousness of following Him. He speaks about the need to prioritize faith above all earthly relationships and personal comforts. He highlights that commitment to Him requires a readiness to take up one's cross and follow Him, which symbolizes a willingness to endure hardships for the sake of faith. The call to discipleship is not just a casual invitation but a life-changing commitment of utmost importance. We don't often want to hear about this side of discipleship. I know I don't but Jesus is clear.

If we accept who He is, and want to receive His grace we need to challenge ourselves bit by bit as to how we remove the idols in our lives that take us away from being dependent on God. I have been really taken with the sense that we are to be regularly disrupted from our comforts, our security, routine so that we are putting God first. When Jesus mentions "hating" one's family, He is emphasizing the need for radical devotion to Him. This does not mean we should literally hate our family members, but rather that our love for Him should be greater than our love for anyone else, even those closest to us. It reflects an understanding that discipleship demands a heart fully devoted to following Christ, even in the face of personal sacrifice or societal rejection.

To be a Christian is to love God with all our heart, mind and soul. To put His calling on us above other needs because we know and understand what He has done for us.

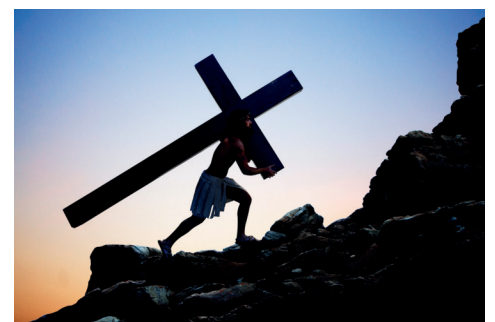
The joy of knowing what God has done for us and finding ourselves accepted and loved for who we are, is the starting point to becoming more like our teacher - Jesus Christ. By trusting in Him, we can give so much more than perhaps we even expect from ourselves because we understand what it means to be loved. It means we can start to respond to God as Isaiah did by saying 'Here I am. Send me'.

Throughout September we are going to be reflecting on what it is we can give in order to serve God and how we intentionally together are building God's kingdom here on earth.

Rev Natasha Thomas

The Cost of Being a Disciple
Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:25-27



Don't Fudge it. **BUDGET!**

If you are at all worried about money, and how to make your income match your spending, why not try our taster CAP Course session on **17th September, 7pm** at the Meeting Place, St Peter's church.

I am delighted to let you know that Julian our mission partner for Wycliffe Bible

**Wycliffe
Bible
Translators**

Translators will be visiting on Sunday to remind us that they exist so that everyone can hear God's word in their own language. Julian is part of the team translating the Bible into a minority language spoken in southern Russia. He has mostly been working on the books of the Old Testament for nearly 20yrs! But soon the whole of God's word is slowly being made available to the Yakar people for the very first time!

Coming Up...

Forest Church - Sunday 7th September, 2-3pm, Fern Hill Site

CAP Course - Wednesday 17th September, 7pm

24/7 Prayer Time - Friday 19th September, 9.30am - 9.30pm

Messy Church - Sunday 21st September, 3.30-5.30pm

The Bereavement Journey - Monday 22nd September, 7pm, St Peter's Church

Alpha Taster Session - Tuesday 23rd September, 6.30pm, St Peter's Church

Harvest Festival & Pete's Eats Bring & Share Lunch - Sunday 28th September, St Peter's Church

SAFEGUARDING:

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

Alpha Taster Session

An open space to unpack big questions for anyone who's curious - **Tuesday 23rd September, 6.30pm**. Contact the office or scan the QR code to register



This year we want to bless Saltaire and our Parish with angels! We want to be able to distribute small knitted or crocheted angels who will be tagged with an invitation to a special service on 6th December.

But that means we need help from those of you who can knit or crochet!

If you would like to knit and natter with others, we will be providing tea and coffee in the Meeting Place on Wednesday mornings (10.30 – 12) from Wednesday 1st October.

Free Knitted Angel Patterns: www.garnstudio.com/pattern.php?id=7285&cid=19#pattern_content (Patterns also available from the office)

If you are over 50, have a song that tells your story...

Please join Natasha on **Friday 12th or 19th September at 11am** in the Meeting Place to reminisce about the music that means so much for you. This will then be captured as part of our Story telling for **International Older People's Solidarity Day on 1st October** - more information to follow about that!

Prayers for People

Please pray for the preparations of those going to Sri Lanka.

Please pray for those who are not well at the moment and who are struggling to join us due to ill health and frailty. Please get in touch if you would like to have a home visit.

24/7 Prayer Time

Please sign up at the back of church or on the website to take an hour of prayer where we focus on our opportunities to serve and reach out to the people of Shipley and what God might be asking of you to give, as we end the holidays and begin the new term. The church will be open on **Friday 19th September from 9am - 9pm** if you would like to pray in church.



PRAYER AND PRAISE EVENING!

We are very fortunate to have a visitor from America, Mercy Barnes, who is willing to lead us in a Prayer and Praise Evening on **Tuesday 9th September, 7.30pm** at St Peter's Church. Please do join us if you can.
You can also meet her at the 6.30pm service this week.



Forest Church

Connecting with God through creation

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 2-3PM
FERN HILL ROAD SITE
(OPPOSITE JIM LAKER PLACE)

CHILDREN AGED 2-10 YRS,
ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT, WELCOME



Scan QR Code to register
or email: office@stpetes.org.uk



Free Personal Growth and Leadership Training

Training to help you reflect on your personal growth in Jesus. The commitment is 5 Saturday mornings for 2hrs at Fountain's Church in Bradford. For more details ask Natasha.

Angels in Saltaire...