

ST PETER'S



SUNDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK & NEXT

10.30am All-In Morning Worship
6.30pm Celtic Communion

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6.30pm Reset: Evening Worship

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

Belonging -Being Lost and Found



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

Knowing we Belong

This last Wednesday was the Feast of the Transfiguration. A time when we in church remember that Peter, James and John witnessed Jesus become radiant in His Holy glory conversing with Elijah and Moses, before God announces again that Jesus is His beloved Son. God's glory is fully revealed in Jesus, and that glory and love is then shared with us His children. We are made whole through His love. The love that reaches out and searches for us when we are lost. When we struggle to know where we belong, or who we are.

Jesus does not leave us behind. He waits for us, and if we call out to Him, He will come and find us. this is the amazing nature of our God the creator. And this promise is for us now, we might strive for more from the future, but this striving is only possible because we are loved in the present. Purity and perfection is beyond our grasp. But as we look at the glory of Jesus, what matters is understanding that we don't have to be. We are God's children now, and no matter how lost we may feel, we are beloved.

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This Week's Scripture:

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Please note I am annual leave from Monday 11th - Friday 15th August.

If you have a pressing pastoral need, please contact

Rev Brian Greenwood on brian.greenfield@leeds.anglican.org.

Prayers for People

Please email the office if you know of anyone who would welcome prayers. Please look out for the Prayer Ministry Team wearing lanyards during Sunday services as they are available to pray with you as well during communion services.

Eco Tips

Being outdoors, sitting or working in a garden can really help us appreciate all God provides for us and if you're interested in learning more about growing your own produce, or visiting an allotment, 11 - 17 August is National Allotment week.

https://thenas.org.uk/national-allotmentsweek



Safeguarding Training

Domestic Abuse Training will be taking place in church after the 10.30am service this coming Sunday 10th August.

Anyone is welcome to attend.

Coming Up...

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

SAFEGUARDING:

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact our safeguarding officer: Frances Vose -

safeguarding@stpetes.org.uk



More Summer reads...

'Practicing the Way' by John Mark Comer

I found this particularly interesting to think about our discipleship and ways in which we follow Jesus as disciples or as the author Mark Comer suggests as apprentices. The biggest thing for us to be challenged and to consider is who or what are we following, if we are not following Jesus as a leader? Because in the end we all choose what we do with our time. Walking and learning together. I have a few copies available if anyone would like to buy one from me. I'll leave them at the back of church.

'Pachinko' by Min Jin Lee

Holiday reads are also times for me to learn more about the world so I also recommend this book. Particularly as it was the 80th anniversary of Horishima this week. I found this book particularly insightful in considering the Korean perspective. One that I had previously very limited knowledge.



