



ST. PETER'S  
— SHIPLEY —

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## SUNDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK & NEXT

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

11.15am Holy Communion  
3.30pm Messy Church  
6.30pm BREATHE @ St Paul's

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## THIS WEEK'S THEME

Giving

What are we storing on  
earth?

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

As we continue to think about giving, we have this passage from Luke, that tells us not to be afraid, because God our Father has promised to give us the Kingdom. We are to trust in Him and His generosity so much so that we can be generous with all that we have. It is interesting that I was having a conversation about the roots of socialism and the influence on the state... whether we should pay more or less taxes, whether we trust our politicians... and it reminded of a time when I heard Tom Holland (historian and author) speak at a conference. He described how he came to the conclusion that when writing about the ancient Roman and Greek cultures, he was struck fundamentally by the change of heart that came. They as nations had celebrated brutal mass murder and genocide. No thought to sacrificing children or keeping slaves, and then through the figure of Christ things changed. Only because of Jesus on the cross, Holland argues, has victimhood come to be seen as something that must be respected and, where possible, rectified. The brokenness of Jesus's body on behalf of the victimized had paved the way for the marginalized and the oppressed to be treated with dignity and honour.

Jesus, followed by his disciples throughout the ages, are the driving force to generosity and giving. A profound way that has shaped our western culture - He says that as people living in the West, we have no idea how Christian we are, because of the morality that came as a result of Christ's personal sacrifice.

As Christians, we are called to follow Jesus' sacrificial example. We are to give what we have to others. To share what we have, so that we can bring the kingdom to earth and delight in God as we trust his ongoing provision to us.

So I pray that you will be generous in your giving to the church, particularly this Harvest time and Gift Day, where we are asking for £30,000 so that we can continue to employ Joseph, our youth and family worker, and mission and outreach to our community. His report of actions in this last year, showing how he is bringing fruit to our church, is available on request.

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Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:32-34



## Parish Giving Scheme

Please consider giving through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This system allows you to donate money to the church by direct debit which gives you a lot of protection. You can give: online; email; telephone or by letter. If using online you can adjust your giving as often as you want. Donations are requested on 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and paid to us on or before the 10<sup>th</sup>. If you pay tax, register for Gift Aid. There are numerous advantages to the church as it reduces the number of transactions we have to reconcile, helps us with cashflow, encourages regular review of giving and reduces the burden of gift aid claiming. THANK YOU.

## Stewards / Welcomers & Sacristan Cover

We are looking for people to help steward and welcome people to church at services. Additionally, we are looking for occasional cover for the Sacristan (setting up and tidying away communion). Training, including shadowing and assisting the Sacristan, will be given! Please speak to Alan or Gemma if you can help.

## Alpha Course

### Food Volunteers Needed

We're seeing good sign-ups for Alpha (starting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 6.30pm) and need volunteers to cook meals. Please consider committing to one (or 2x) Tuesday. Email [office@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:office@stpetes.org.uk) if you can help. Thank you.

## Coming Up...

**Pathways Fashion Show** - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2-4pm, St Peter's Church  
Tickets £5 on the door.

**Fellowship Group** - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2-3pm, The Meeting Place

**CAP Money Management Taster Course** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, The Meeting Place

**24/7 Prayer Time** - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am - 9.30pm, Hope Chapel

**Messy Church** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 3.30-5.30pm, St Peter's Church

**The Bereavement Journey** - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 7pm, Hope Chapel

**Alpha Taster Session** - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 6.30pm, Hope Chapel

**Harvest Festival & Pete's Eats Bring & Share Lunch** - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, St Peter's Church

### SAFEGUARDING:

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact our safeguarding officer:  
Frances Vose -  
[safeguarding@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stpetes.org.uk)

## Angels in Saltaire - Knitters Needed!

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 (10.30am – 12 noon) from Wednesday 1st October.**

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



## Musical Memories Celebration Tea

Join us on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2-4pm** at St Peter's Church to celebrate **International Day of Older People**. Share memories, listen to live entertainment, reminisce about your favourite songs and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea! Please contact the office to book your place.



## Do you have a song that tells your story?

Please join Natasha on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 11am** in the Meeting Place to reminisce about the music that means so much to you. This will then be captured as part of our story telling for **International Day of Older People**.

## Eco Tips

Leaves make great compost. If you are unsure how to make and use leaf mould here is some information:- <https://www.rhs.org.uk/soil-composts-mulches/leaf-mould>

Plogging is a great new fitness trend from Addis Ababa, jogging whilst picking up litter, so you can feel doubly virtuous by exercising and cleaning up the environment. Why not borrow the church's litter pickers and have a go?



Please sign up at the back of church or via the QR code 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 19<sup>th</sup> September from 9am - 9pm** if you would like to pray in church.



## 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.

## Saturday Prayers

All are welcome to join us for half an hour of prayer on Zoom as we pray for each other, St Peter's and the wider world on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10am. Contact [gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk) for any questions or prayer items.

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/79570200968?pwd=BFzRabOOS7uDqFf9rkuWd9tucjhlyD.1>  
Meeting ID: 795 7020 0968

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