



ST. PETER'S  
— SHIPLEY —

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## SUNDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK & NEXT

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

11.15am Harvest Festival  
6.30pm Celtic Communion

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## THIS WEEK'S THEME

### Giving

Making a Difference...

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

How we give and how much we give are in fact two very different things as Paul highlights to his churches. I can just hear them moaning - okay we will give you what you are asking for, and you want us to be happy about it - you don't ask for much do you?!' but I hope you see that they are missing the point. What Paul wants us to understand is that our giving is directly in response to the love and generosity of God. That we are to give what we can, delighting in being able to give.

Knowing how much to give is a tough question that we need to ask God's help for discernment with and that we need to grapple with, because none of us are the same. But the clear message that Jesus gives is that it is meant to challenge us. Disrupt us enough to know and feel that we are giving something away to God, for God. Jesus is very clear in His parable of the widow who gives her last 2 coins, compared to others who give large sums of which barely scratches the surface of what they earn - she is the one Jesus says who will be honoured. So even if we feel we cannot give much in time or money, we are to give what we can. Again Jesus tells us in his parable of the mustard seed, that this tiny seed can actually become something so significant as to provide shade and rest to many birds. A blessing to all those who need it's comfort. Can you do something that will make a difference to others?

**Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of regret or compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver.**

**2 Corinthians 9: 6-7**



Last week I let you know that we are seeking £30,000 so that we can continue serve our local community as well as continue to employ Joseph, our youth and family coordinator (copies of his work and ambitions are available at the back of church), additionally you may like to give weekly / monthly towards the youth fund.

## 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.

We are also looking for occasional cover for the Sacristan. Training, including shadowing and assisting the Sacristan, will be given! Please speak to Alan or Gemma if you can help.

## PETE'S EATS

On Harvest Festival Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> September) all are welcome to come and share food - we will be providing jacket potatoes, but please bring some other food to eat and to share so we can share fellowship, and chew over some of the things that we think God is saying to us.

## Coming Up...

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

**BREATHE @ St Paul's** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 6.30pm, St Paul's Church

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

**Fellowship Group** - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1.30-2.30pm, The Meeting Place

**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, Church

**Musical Memories Celebration Tea** - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2pm, Church

**Parents, Prayers and Pastries** - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 11.30am, The Upper Room

**Following Jesus, Fellowship Group** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am, The Meeting Place

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> December.

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

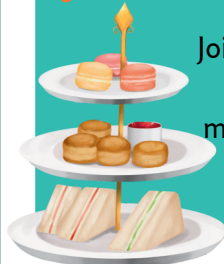
**If you would like to knit and natter with others, we will be providing tea and coffee in the Meeting Place on Wednesday mornings (10.30am – 12 noon) from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

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.



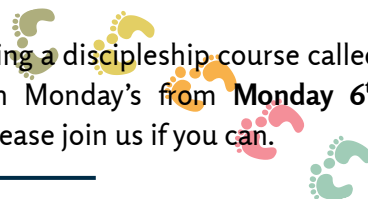
## Parents, Prayers and Pastries

If you are a parent or carer, and would like to meet to pray, then I would love it if you would join me for some good coffee and pastries in the Upper Room at St Peter's Church on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am**. Little ones welcome!



## Following Jesus, Fellowship Group

For the next couple of months we will be running a discipleship course called **Practicing the Way**. This will take place on Monday's from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30-10.30am in the Meeting Place**. Please join us if you can.



## Upcoming SCT Events

**Live @ Avondale Club** - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 7-9pm, Avondale Club  
Rock, Jazz, Blues, Pop and Gospel music by Dave Paterson and Deborah Bate.

**The Big Sing** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Saltaire United Reformed Church  
Free music throughout the afternoon from 12 noon. Join The Big Sing at 7pm - Classic hymns with a Bradford connection.

**Debt Centre Celebration** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm, Christian Life Church  
Celebrate 5 years of the Shipley Debt Centre and help plan the next 5 years!

## Prayers for People

Please pray for those who have left to go on a pilgrimage to Sri Lanka. 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 20<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=BFzRabOOS7uDqFf9rkuWdgtucjhlyD.1>  
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