



ST. PETER'S
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SUNDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK & NEXT

10.30am	All-In Holy Communion
6.30pm	Reset: Evening Worship
9.30am	All-In Service
11.15am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Reset: Evening Worship

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

Belonging -
The Importance of

HOSPITALITY

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

This is the last week that we shall be considering the importance of belonging to the Christian family and what it means to feel that we are part of a community that knows it can share and open ourselves up to others who are strangers because we know the love of God. But this is so hard. To share is something that is not built into us from birth. It even seems to be the opposite. I remember when my girls were children I had to constantly repeat the phrase "Come on let's share"... It is perhaps easier to share amongst our own family. But how easily do we share with strangers?

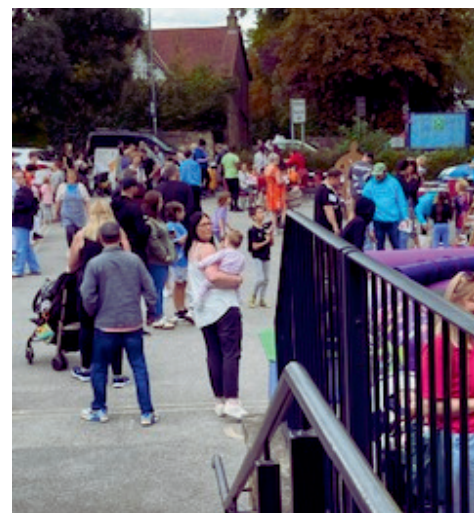
The early Christians understood the importance of helping those in need. They were reaching out to the widows, but they had a blind spot - those widows from a different background were not getting the help they needed. The key thing was that they were prepared to listen and then respond. They then planned how they would do what was needed for them to do and discerned who would lead in this area of work, because they couldn't do it all. And that actually is what is so important about community work is that not one group or people should be doing everything. We need to always consider what are the roles and who should be doing what. So that all people have the opportunity to share what God has given them.

We as a church have demonstrated over this summer the joy of being generous. The joy of hosting people from our community and giving people a taste of what it means to belong to a Church. One mum said to me "I can't believe how generous your church is. Thank you".

What I love about this passage, is that they didn't stop to think they couldn't give to the extra demand, they looked to ensure that they could deliver and be fair. Their heart was to share and to give to those who needed help. I pray that as we enter a time of preparation for harvest, we hear what God is asking of us to give and to share.

'In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

Acts 6:1-4



Free Personal Growth and Leadership Training

Leeds Diocese provides free training for congregation members to reflect on their personal growth in Jesus and how they might be used in church. The commitment is 5 Saturday mornings for 2hrs at Fountain's Church in Bradford. If you are interested, please ask Rev Natasha for more details.

Alpha

An open space to unpack big questions for anyone who's curious. Alpha starts Tuesday 23rd September, 6.30pm.



Contact the office or scan the QR code to register.



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.



Coming Up...

CAP Course - 17th September, 7pm

24/7 Prayer Time - 19th September starting at 9.30am.

The Bereavement Journey - Monday 22nd September, 7.00pm, St Peter's Church

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

Harvest Festival - 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

Prayers for People

Please pray for the 15+ people going from St Peter's to Greenbelt Festival this year. Pray for safe journeys and inspirational teaching that will help to inspire us all in our fellowship with God.

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.

Group Pilgrimage to Sri Lanka 2025

A group of 28 people, including our own Sue Pedley, Eileen Schofield, Janet Silva, and Sue Newton, together with others from churches around the Leeds Diocese and beyond, will be visiting Sri Lanka, between 19 Sept and 2 Oct.



Please pray for -

Safe Travels; Good health and protection; Energy and strength; willingness to embrace the local culture and new ideas; seeing different faiths in action; building relationships and an opportunity to share our Christian faith; times of fun, fellowship and enjoying new experiences.

24/7 Prayer Time - 19th September

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. We will also be doing things a little bit differently by having the church open from 9.30am - 9.30pm on Friday 19th September.



If you are over 50, have a story to tell and a particular song that helps you to tell it,

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 to follow about that!

The Bereavement Journey
a place to talk
Please contact the office to book your place

The Bereavement Journey

A seven-week course that gently guides people living in the Shipley area who have been bereaved at any time, through the most common aspects of grief and bereavement, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps.

Starts Monday 22nd September, 7pm

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