



ST. PETER'S
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 2nd November

9.30am All-In Holy Communion
11.15am Holy Communion
4pm All Souls' Service

Sunday 9th November

10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service
6.30pm Celtic Communion

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

**Practicing the Way:
~ Community ~**

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

This week's practice is considering what it means to be community. How we enable people to become family and to find a place of belonging. A place that welcomes everyone, because every one is made in the image of God and because we are welcomed by God, we welcome all.

This sounds lovely! But how do we do this meaningfully? In the end, it boils down to how we spend our time with one another and how we develop trust and relationship that allows space for us to share our joys, our sorrows. Relationships that allow space for confession and acceptance. Allows us to walk with each other's griefs and fears so that we can carry one another's burdens, sharing what's going on in our lives so we can heal and keep growing in love. Jesus chose his 12 disciples. He also had closer friends who he relied on to be with him such as at the Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

I know that St Peter's is a wonderfully warm and welcoming church, and is keen to welcome people, but I do wonder how many people really know each other? Enough to feel that you are able to carry another's burden. Because all of us are called to do that for each other.

One of the simplest ways we can get to know each other is to invite others round for a meal. Eating and sharing together is a wonderful way of spending time, and getting to know each other on a deeper level and that is why Pete's Eats return is a delight!

Not only does it offer the opportunity to share food, but it also allows us to share our joy in Christ, helping us to tell our stories where we see God at work in our lives even when things feel a bit hard, or we are struggling. God is always with us and He wants us to know that and feel that - look at Paul and Silas, locked in prison singing praises to God! They still were full of joy and hope of God. Apparently, there is a part of our brain cortex which is like the joy centre and it is the only part of our brain that does not stop growing! But we have to keep working at it. We are made to keep growing in joy but sadly we have a tendency to be overwhelmed with negative thoughts that go on repeat which hinders this growth. The fruits of the spirit are love, joy and peace. Jesus in John 15:11 told his disciples that "I have told these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete".

We need to choose joy and keep choosing it as Richard Foster the theologian calls it the Discipline of Celebration! That sounds like a good discipline to me. This is the starting point for building community with each other, and a way to opening up and welcoming those we do not know to feel that they belong and have a role in which they can contribute.

'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.'

Romans 12: 9-13



Rev Natasha Thomas

Sessional Caretaker Role

We are looking to appoint a sessional caretaker to support Martin, particularly on weekends. If you would like to find out more information, please speak to Karen Parkinson or Natasha.

Fellowship Group

For the next couple of months we are running a discipleship course called **Practicing the Way**. This takes place on **Mondays from 9.30-10.30am, in the Meeting Place**. Please join us if you can.

All Souls' Service

A short service to remember our loved ones who have gone to glory.
Sunday 2nd November, 4pm

Eco Tips

The 'Green Christian Conference' takes place on 15th November in Peterborough. For more info or to attend see here: <https://greenchristian.org.uk/2025-annual-members-meeting/>. There are travel bursaries for people under 30. Do speak to Gemma Richards or Jackie Loach if you would be interested in attending & feeding back to us.

Coming Up...

Forest Church - Sunday 2nd November, 2pm, Hirst Wood (**new venue**)

All Souls' Service - Sunday 2nd November, 4pm, Church

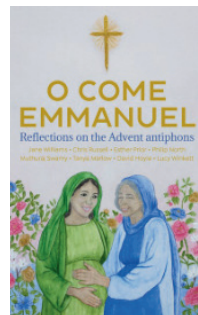
Following Jesus Fellowship Group - Monday 3rd November, 9.30am, The Meeting Place

Knit & Natter - EVERY Wednesday, 10.30am, The Meeting Place

Ladies Night - Friday 7th November, 7.30pm, Rossini's, Shipley
Full - Reserve list available!

SAFEGUARDING:

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



Advent is coming!!!

These are two good reads for preparing for advent. Please share any other suggestions, as we try to focus on the real meaning of Christmas.

Donations wanted for new Youth Hub!

Do you have any of the following items that you could donate? We're seeking a TV, rug, beanbags, plants, moveable/comfortable chairs, lamps, youth-friendly artwork and old games consoles. Please see Joseph or Natasha or email office@stpetes.org.uk.

Celebration Service & AGM

Sunday 16th November, 6.30pm, Shipley Baptist Church

This is an opportunity to join together for worship and fellowship and to celebrate the goodness of God over the past year. We will also carry out the usual tasks of the AGM, including the election of trustees and hearing reports on our various activities. Part of BREATHE on Tour. All welcome!

SCT Members Needed

Please contact Natasha for more information if you would like to join this group that brings all the local churches together to see how we share our love of God across Shipley.



Shipley
Christians
Together

Information about Parish Share and what it all means...

Here is a link to a short video from Bishop Toby encouraging us to pray and talk about Parish Share in our church and also a link to an animated video which explains how the Parish Share works in the Diocese of Leeds. This I hope is helpful in explaining where your contributions go and how they help God's work in our diocese.

Video from Bishop Toby:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpwmydkWlhQ>

Video on Parish Share:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTnfo6rzP9s>

Prayers for People

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 online prayers on Zoom as we pray for ourselves, the church, the community and the wider world - **Saturday 1st November, 10am**. For more information or to pass on a prayer request, please contact gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk.

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/75092553976?pwd=Lcb7JOYvE68v933cl2ggyogkhdHZHA.1>

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