



ST. PETER'S  
— SHIPLEY —

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

11.15am Holy Communion  
3.30pm Messy Church  
6.30pm BREATHE on Tour @ CLC

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## THIS WEEK'S THEME

### Practicing the Way: Prayer and Solitude

Mark 1: 32-39

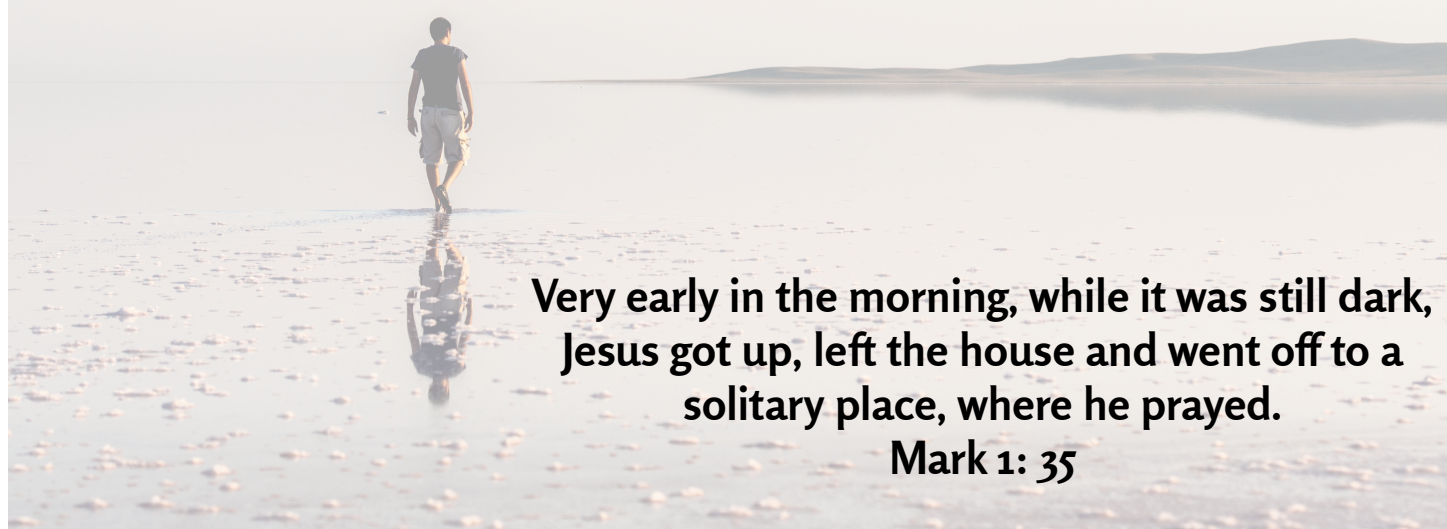
## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

Spending time on our own can often feel daunting, selfish, lonely.

Jesus however shows us that this is something he regularly did. And what is particularly interesting is that he goes off on his own to pray when he is particularly busy! In our world, we might be tempted to say come on Jesus, don't slack now - get the job done and then take your time. But the point is, Jesus understands where he gets his strength from. He understands that he needs time with God to fill him up. He needs space to retreat from people and demands and distractions to intentionally be with God, in order to be able to give and help and bless.

A cup can only overflow if it is filled; similarly, we can only truly share God's love, grace and goodness with others if we first allow him to fill us. Paul tells the Ephesians to be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18), but the word he uses indicates that this is something we should be doing continually, rather than a one-off act: we must keep on being filled with the Spirit. If Jesus needed time alone with his Father in order to do his work, then how much more must we! Time alone with God needs to be our first port of call, not a last resort; it is the power source of our service, the place where we receive in order to give. Let us commit to spending time alone with God each day; to share our burdens with him and to receive his love, grace and blessing. But then let us also commit to going out into the world, renewed by His strength to share his love with our friends and neighbours.

Rev Natasha & Jessica



**Very early in the morning, while it was still dark,  
Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a  
solitary place, where he prayed.**

**Mark 1: 35**

## 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.

## Debt Centre Celebration

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm, Christian Life Church**

Part of BREATHE on Tour - Celebrate 5 years of the Shipley Debt Centre and help plan the next 5 years!



## Ladies Night

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, Rossini's Italian Restaurant, Bingley Road, Shipley.**

Please contact Louise Forbes (07794 809256 / louisemforbes.lf@gmail.com) to book your place.

## Coming Up...

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

**Following Jesus, Fellowship Group** - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am, The Meeting Place

**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.

**Messy Church** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm, Church

**Debt Centre Celebration** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm, Christian Life Church

### SAFEGUARDING:

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

## Shipley Baby Bank

Baby Bank launched this week - thank you for all your donations. Please keep them coming. We had good conversations with several people who needed items with one person contacting church who will hopefully come along to See and Know.



## Shipley Christians Together (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.



## Hope not Hate

Join a movement pushing back against hate and standing up for stronger, more united communities. On the weekend of the 18-19th October, thousands of us will take to the streets with one message: **Our communities are stronger when we stand together.** Take action today!

## Mailing out from ChurchSuite

Some of you may have noticed that the newsletter has come from a new email address. This is because we are transitioning to another database called ChurchSuite. Emails sent from ChurchSuite will use ChurchSuite's verified domain '@mg.churchsuite.com'. We hope that ChurchSuite will make life a lot easier for all of us in time. More information to follow!

## 3 PCC's Away Day

Please pray for our PCC members as they meet with Christchurch, Windhill and St Paul's on Saturday. We are meeting together to explore how as Anglicans we can best share the love of Christ across the Shipley area together. Making the most out of our skills, expertise and resources.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10am.**

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/7864791357?pwd=loDFfD3xHZBUIZmweJv1ejQkwXlosB.1>

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