



ST. PETER'S
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 26th October

11.15am All-In Morning Worship
Followed by Pete's Easts
6.30pm Celtic Communion

Sunday 2nd November

9.30am All-In Holy Communion
11.30am Holy Communion
4pm All Souls' Service

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

Practicing the Way: Witness

James 2: 14-26

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

You are my witnesses

A witness is someone who saw something happen. Someone with a special expertise because they were there. But anyone who has ever had to talk to lots of different witnesses to the same event will tell you that all their stories differ slightly. They all notice different things. Interpret what is happening differently. As witnesses, we're the same. We all have our own views from our own angles of the same story of God's work saving his world. We all have our own tale to tell about the difference that knowing Jesus makes to us.

Throughout his life, Jesus talks to people about his Father God – his power and his love and his plan to save them. His last command to his disciples on earth was to go and do the same about him – as he is taken up to heaven in Acts chapter 1, he says to his disciples: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." He's talking to us too. His apprentices here and now. Our job too is to tell others the good news about Jesus – be witnesses to what we've seen him do.

But how do we do it? Go buy a sandwich board proclaiming 'Repent!' and stand on the corner outside Waterstones in Bradford and shout at passers by that Jesus saves? It's true, but shouting at random strangers isn't going to get us very far. People will hurry by, pretending to talk to someone on their mobiles, hoping not to catch our eye. I know I would....

The Bible tells us what matters is what we do, not just what we say. The things other people see in us that shout witness to the spirit of God in us. "Let your light shine before others," Jesus says in Matthew 5 "that they may see your good deeds and glorify your God in heaven." Yes we need to be ready to talk about where our hope comes from, how we can keep going when things seem impossible, the healing and peace and purpose Jesus brings to our lives. But the things we do need to attract people to us first, make them want to find out what it is that makes us treat others the way we do, why we behave in a way that's counter cultural.

Our witnessing most easily starts with "Do you fancy a coffee and a chat?" "Would you like to come round for supper?" - not just to our friends but to everyone - most of all to the last, the least and lost. When we open our homes and our lives, our light starts to shine. When we counter hostility with hospitality, people see the things we do and they start to wonder why. What we do is where our witness starts – actions that make others curious about us. Because curious people ask questions. Questions that will open doors for us to tell our stories of witness.

Viv Brealey

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your God in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

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

Ladies Night

Last few places remaining!

Friday 7th 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...

Wrestling Church - Saturday 25th October, 6.30pm (doors open @ 6pm), Church

Following Jesus Fellowship Group - Monday 27th October, 9.30am, The Meeting Place

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

Parents, Prayers & Pastries - Saturday 1st November, 11.30am, The Upper Room

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

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

SAFEGUARDING:

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

PETE'S SEATS

SUNDAY 26th October

All are welcome to join us after the 11.15am All-In Morning Worship service this Sunday for a Bring & Share lunch! We will be providing jacket potatoes, but please bring some other food to eat and to share so that we can share fellowship, and chew over some of the things that we think God is saying.



Parents, Prayers & Pastries
Monthly on Saturdays
11.30am - 12.30pm
The Upper Room
St Peter's Church
Saturday 1st November

Eco Tips

Been crafting but have materials left over? Dunhelm Mill in Keighley accept home textiles, clothing, shoes and accessories to recycle and reuse. They only accept clean, bagged textiles, but it's fine if they're ripped or torn.

'Warm Homes Healthy People' provides free independent energy advice for those living in the Bradford District. They aim to save you money and keep you warm. They also provide emergency support and can help you with debt and benefits checks. Check out their website to see if you or someone you know qualifies for help.

Have you an eco tip or challenge to share? Please contact gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk.

SCT Celebration Service & AGM

Sunday 16th November, 6.30pm, Shipley Baptist Church
Part of BREATHE on Tour. All welcome!



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.

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.

Please pray for A's sister M (recipient) and her son B (donor), scheduled to be involved in a paired kidney transplant chain on 28th October, along with three other donors and recipients. Please pray that all will go ahead as scheduled, that everyone involved will come through it successfully, and for skill and wisdom for the various surgical teams across the country.

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 25th October, 10am**. For more information or to pass on a prayer request, please contact gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk.

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