



ST. PETER'S
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SUNDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK & NEXT

11.15am Harvest Festival
6.30pm Celtic Communion

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

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

Harvest Festival
**'I am the bread of
Life'**

John 6:35

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

I find myself totally sympathizing with those who had witnessed the miracle of the 5 loaves and 2 fish being transformed into a meal for 1000's. Such a miracle, would have made people really want to follow Jesus, because they would have wanted to have been kept fed. They wanted His provision in the here and now in the material and the physical.

But Jesus wants them to understand that this miracle signified something much deeper than their bellies being filled at a picnic. He wanted them to understand that it is through trusting and believing in Him, by having faith in Him that we find ourselves satisfied at a spiritual level.

I know when I stop spending as much time with God, when I start to depend more upon myself rather than trusting Him, I find I am far more stressed, more worried about the material goings on. Jesus wants us to always turn to Him. To have that faith that brings Him with us, rather than pushing Him out. Jesus is the Bread of Life, the staple food for all people.

So we come together to celebrate the Harvest. The harvest of all that is good, for all that God provides for us, and reminds us that this is a time to share. To share what we have with those who have less. A time to share our time and our money to enable God's kingdom to come to our world. As followers of Jesus we are asked to respond to His love for us, and to trust in Him each day. Letting go of the things that get in the way of accepting that all we need is bread. That Jesus' promise is astonishing generosity and abundance. But being a believer will mean following him when his truth is hard to understand and even harder to apply. Following Jesus costs us and we are to be obedient to his call.

If you would like to discuss what the Bread of Life means to you, or hear what others might have to say, then please join us for a jacket potato after the service on Sunday.



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.

PETE'S EATS

THIS SUNDAY - Harvest Festival

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.



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 (online, via email, telephone or letter) which gives you a lot of protection. If using online you can adjust your giving as often as you want. Donations are requested on 1st of the month and paid to us on or before the 10th. 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.

Eco Tips

Concerned about the seriousness of plastic pollution? Tearfund has some information about this and how you can get involved. For example by making a pledge and committing to praying for the issue:

<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/tackling-the-plastics-crisis>

Coming Up...

Harvest Festival & Pete's Eats Bring & Share Lunch - Sunday 28th September, 11.15am, Church

The Bereavement Journey - Monday 29th September, 7pm, Hope Chapel (FULL)

Alpha Course - Tuesday 30th September, 6.30pm, Hope Chapel

Knit & Natter - Wednesday 1st October, 10.30am, The Meeting Place

Musical Memories Celebration Tea - Wednesday 1st October, 2pm, Church

Parents, Prayers and Pastries - Saturday 4th October, 11.30am, The Upper Room

Forest Church - Sunday 5th October, 2pm, Fern Hill Site

Following Jesus, Fellowship Group - Monday 6th October, 9.30am, The Meeting Place

SAFEGUARDING:

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

Angels in Saltaire - Knitters Needed!

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

Free Knitted Angel Patterns: www.garnstudio.com/pattern.php?id=7285&cid=19#pattern_content (Patterns also available from the office)

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 6th October, 9.30-10.30am, in the Meeting Place**. Please join us if you can.



Musical Memories Celebration Tea

Join us on **Wednesday 1st 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 4th October at 11.30am**. Little ones welcome!



Bradford North Foodbank Harvest Appeal

Please donate the following items if you can:

Tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, cereal, UHT milk, fruit juice (long life), tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup, custard, rice pudding, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and washing-up liquid. Thank you.



Upcoming SCT Events

The Big Sing - Saturday 18th 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 19th 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 27th September, 10am**. Contact gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk for any questions or prayer items.

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