



ST. PETER'S
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 9th November

10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service
6.30pm Celtic Communion

Sunday 16th November

11.15am Holy Communion
3.30pm Messy Church
6.30pm SCT Celebration Service & AGM
Shipley Baptist Church

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

Remembrance Sunday

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

Remembrance Sunday, is one of those special Sundays, where tradition holds its place for me. It is a time when the order of things are kept to, and the liturgy that has been used for years is held in reverence. The words that have been used through the generations help us to reflect on the chaos and pain of war and the destruction that humans inflict upon one another. Help us to consider where and how we can see God in the suffering. Our God who understands the sordid nature of betrayal and pain.

And this is the beauty that is to be found in the poppy. The fragile flower that stands out delicate and abundant in fields of destruction. The poppy that signifies that there is hope for all people, that although war and destruction occurs, the memories and stories of loved ones' sacrifices are passed on and remembered.

Remembrance is the starting point for 'kingdom-tide' in the church of England calendar. The time when we read passages where Jesus is pointing to His kingdom coming. The time when God will no longer be estranged from His children. A time when the temple is cleared of those who made it into a den of iniquity and God was no longer the primary focus. The kingdom that announces that rules and worries about what

happens when we die need no longer our concern, because we are God's children. And we shall be 'Like the angels' and will be the children of the resurrection. God is a God of the living, both now and forever. This understanding can wildly expand how we understand legacy and heritage. Jesus wants us to understand that God's purposes and design for all of life for everything created, is a reality that was at the beginning of life and will be the sum of our eternal existence. We are God's children. This is the most important thing about us not what we personally produce to make our own legacy: we are God's legacy— and we are already coming into alignment with that design as we live according to his life-giving purposes. After all, as Easter people, we do not look for the living among the dead. So this remembrance, allow the silence to hold you. To bring to mind the thankfulness for the peace we know in this place, before the soulful sound of the bugle, that announces the time for being thankful for our lives. and thankful to those who sacrificed their lives for ours. It is the time to do things respectfully and intentionally. Remembering that even in suffering there is the goodness of God to be found and it is to Him that we can then sing our praise and can rejoice on the lives we have been given.

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.
Luke 20: 35-36

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Knitters Still NEEDED!!

Please please help if you can! We really need a few more angels knitted for our upcoming Angel Service, so that we can be as generous as possible to the people in our parish.



Birds and the Brontes

Friday 14th November, 7pm, Lounge

As part of our Eco church commitment we try to support environmental charities.

The RSPB is Europe's largest wildlife conservation charity and our local group welcomes all to its winter talks/ meetings. The next talk 'Birds and the Brontes' with

Alasdair McKee will be held here at St Peter's and promises to be very

interesting with marvellous images for bird and book lovers alike. Entrance £4 (accompanying children free)

For more information about the group's activities (including results so far and how to contribute to the Bradford Bird survey) see

<https://group.rspb.org.uk/airedaleandbradford/>

See & Know

30th Birthday Party

Saturday 15th November, 2-4pm

Anyone who has been part of See & Know over the years is welcome!

Coming Up...

Following Jesus Fellowship Group -
Monday 10th November, 9.30am,
The Meeting Place

Birds and the Brontes RSPB Event -
Friday 14th November, 7pm, Lounge

See & Know 30th Birthday Party -
Saturday 15th November, 2-4pm, Church

Messy Church - Sunday 16th November,
3.30pm, Church & Halls

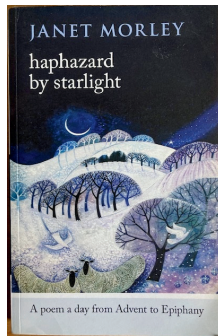
Sudan Celebration & Prayer Service -
Saturday 22nd November, 1.30pm, Church

SAFEGUARDING:

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact our safeguarding officer:

Frances Vose -

safeguarding@stpetes.org.uk



Advent is coming!!!

These are two more good reads for preparing for advent. Please share any other suggestions, as we try to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. There are 3 copies of Freedom is Coming at the back of church for anyone who would like to use this book.

TakeTime - Advent Series

Enter in to the Christmas story in a meditative, prayerful way, just 20 minutes.

Wednesdays, 8.30pm

on 26th Nov, 3rd Dec, 17th Dec.

On Zoom - Meeting ID: 545 396 6983

Email Helen Scott for a weekly reminder:
helsplatt@hotmail.com

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 22nd November, 5-7.30pm

St Paul's Church

Join us for festive refreshments and vote for your favourite Christmas tree!

Donations Wanted!!

We're seeking a TV, rug, beanbags, plants, moveable/comfortable chairs, lamps, youth-friendly artwork and old games consoles for our new Youth Hub. Please see Joseph or Natasha or email office@stpetes.org.uk.

Celebration Service & AGM

Sunday 16th November, 6.30pm, Shipley Baptist Church

Join us for worship, fellowship and to celebrate the goodness of God over the past year. We will also hold our AGM, elect trustees and hear reports on our various activities. Part of BREATHE on Tour. All welcome!



SCT Members Needed

Please contact Natasha 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.

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 8th**

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>

Meeting ID: 750 9255 3976

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