



ST PETER'S



SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 16th November

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

Sunday 23rd November

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

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

Practicing the Way

~ Scripture ~

Psalms 119 and
John 1:1-5

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

I wonder how many of us really consider the Bible as a 'holy' book - as the words that have been inspired by God. I am always impressed by our Muslim brothers and sisters who really revere the Koran - not even letting it be put on the floor, with only certain people being able to read non-translated versions... perhaps a bit too exclusive. But it does make me stop and think how we value our scriptures and whether from time to time we take it for granted. That we can just pick it up when we fancy - or perhaps not bother to pick it up at all. One of the beautiful stories that is shared on Alpha, is how a couple of Iranian women risk their lives to distribute Bibles in Iran. They describe how after they had distributed 1000's of Bibles to people's post-boxes that they were arrested and yet persevered in their faith until they were released and given asylum. Then one day they were so blessed when giving a talk in Australia a couple came to them in tears, to say that they had found one of those Bibles and because of that they had found faith.

Reading the Bible transformed them. Transformed everything about how they saw the world and wanted to live in the world. Those women risked everything for others to read the word of God, and God used His word to inspire and transform more lives.

Our challenge this week, as we review our practises in following Christ is to think about how we approach reading our Bible. Do we see it as

an opportunity for God to talk to us. An opportunity for our lives to be changed, because we learn more about who God is and His love for us. Do we approach reading the Bible with anticipation of learning as to how by reading these 'living' words we can be inspired to find hope, love, joy and peace that is beyond this world.

Reading the Bible can be hard work, and it can feel daunting because it is so large and some of it feels very alien and removed from today's way of life. And some of it doesn't make much sense. This is where reading the Bible together really helps our understanding and the different perspectives, allowing the spirit to inspire and help us. I so encourage you to consider joining one of our Fellowship/Home groups as an opportunity to discuss particular Bible passages. There are also many resources that can help us to read and understand the word of God, such as the Bible-Project - that produces wonderful YouTube videos on all of the books in the Bible, which give an understanding about the overall arch of a book and its context and what themes might be running through. There are also so many daily reading apps such as Lectio 365, Pray on the Go, Daily Bread that give reflections and questions to ponder. I so want to encourage everyone to try and read the Bible each day - giving God the chance to speak into your life in a way that can be life-changing.

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Your word is a lamp for my feet,
I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.
I have suffered much;
preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.
Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth,
and teach me your laws.
Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
I will not forget your law.
The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your precepts.
Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.
My heart is set on keeping your decrees
to the very end.



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!



Shipley
Christians
Together

Sudan Celebration & Prayer Service

Saturday 22nd November, 2pm
(refreshments served from 1.30pm)

St Peter's Church, Shipley

Join Archbishop Ezekiel of Sudan, his wife and Bishop Hassan for a service of celebration and prayer for Sudan.

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!



Coming Up...

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

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

Following Jesus Fellowship Group -
Monday 17th November, 9.30am,
The Meeting Place

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

The Jam Club - Tuesday 25th November,
3.30pm, Snooker Room

Wrestling Church - Saturday 29th
November, 6.30pm (doors open at 6pm),
Church

SAFEGUARDING:

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

Angels to be in by Wednesday 26th Nov!

Please bring completed angels to the office by 26th November. We are also looking for help from anyone who would like to pray over and tag them, before they are distributed across Saltaire in time for the Angel Service on 7th Dec at 6.30pm



Ladies Night

Thank you to all who came to our recent Ladies Night at Rossini's Italian Restaurant. We had a fab time and it was lovely to see you all!

The Jam Club

Toast, Chill and Your After-School Fix
Tuesdays after school just got sweeter!
Swing by for free toast, jam, chats, games and chill vibes on your way home
For Secondary and 6th Form age
Tuesdays (from 25th November)
3.30-5pm in the Snooker Room.
Volunteers needed - contact Joseph!

Hot Aire! & Fresh Aire! Christmas Concert

Saturday 6th December, 7pm

St Peter's Church

Tickets: Adults £8, Under 17's £6
Available from the church office -
please bring the correct change.

City of Culture 2025

Diocese of Bradford: Carol of the 7 Hills

A story about Bradford past and present, in which an intriguing stranger walks through every scene... the audience are left to decide who he is.

All performances begin at 7pm.

Tickets: Adults £5, Under 16's £2 - Available via Eventbrite for the following locations: Idle, Ilkley, Keighley, Bowling, BBEC Bradford, Fountains Bradford

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

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 15th November, 10am.** For Zoom login details, more information or to pass on a prayer request, please contact gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk.