



ST PETER'S



SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 23rd November - Christ The King

11.15am All-In Service
3.30pm Morning Worship
6.30pm Celtic Communion

Sunday 30th 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

~ Service ~

John 13:12-17
& Galatians 5:13-14

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

We have reached the end of exploring the Christian practices as outlined by John Mark Comer in his book *Practicing the Way*, and the final practice is to consider how 'Serving' others helps us to apprentice Jesus better. Jesus throughout his life points that the way we are to live is love our neighbours, to serve as He served. To pick up our cross, sacrificing our needs for the sake of others. His way is to serve, rather than to be served.

This does not sound very simple or straightforward. I know it can lead me to feel guilty at not 'doing' or serving those in need. But as I prepared for this Sunday it began to dawn on me, that our service comes out of our love for God. Our service comes out because we are loving God, and therefore want to love those we meet in our daily lives.

When we look at Jesus and where He demonstrates service, it is at the dinner table, it is at a well, at market places, on the way to somewhere else - just ordinary places. These acts of service are incorporated into His daily life, they are not specifically dedicated times. They are at times points of interruption, where He stops what He is doing and responds to the need in front of Him.

One of the challenges then as we think about service, is recognising that we do not have to start a new voluntary activity (Which I would so encourage you to do as it can be the most wonderful and fulfilling role), but to consider what we can do for those people that we meet in the street, or for people who are already in our daily lives. People who need a bit of extra care, like a lonely neighbour, the Big Issue seller outside the Co-op, a frustrated mum whose toddler is in a melt down... who ever they are there might be something that you can do to make their life that little bit better. The thing about serving others is to do it with a joyful heart. To give our time and effort without expecting anything back. Jesus gave His time and His love to washing His friends really dirty, dusty feet. They had to let their Rabbi, their leader touch their calloused feet with tenderness and care. It must have been so moving. He wanted these men to understand that to lead and teach in His way means getting on your hands and knees to care for those around you. That the heart of service has to also stem from humility.

Humility that acknowledges that no matter who you are, you can help make a difference by giving care and love to another person, this might mean taking a meal round to someone you know who is feeling a bit poorly, offering to carry someone's shopping when they look over-loaded, offering to go for a coffee when you know someone needs a listening ear. To be in service is to acknowledge that you do not have to be special to do these things, and that anyone can do them. So why not you? I so hope that these practices have been a source of challenge and that you continue to consider how you can be a better apprentice in following Jesus.

Life by the Spirit

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Galatians 5:13-14



Rev Natasha Thomas

Wrestling Church

Calling all **prayer warriors** who will come to Wrestling church to pray with those who want it.

Saturday 29th November, 6.30pm

Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday 2nd December, 6.30pm

A reflective service for those who want to celebrate Christmas but are not feeling too sparkly this year.

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

Come along and vote for your favourite Christmas tree!



Coming Up...

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

Blue Christmas Service - Tuesday 2nd
December, 6.30pm

Angel Service for all people - Sunday 7th
December, 6.30pm

Vicarage Christmas Party - Saturday 13th
December: Open House from 2-4pm at
the Vicarage, 2 Glenhurst Rd

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**



Shipley Christians Together reports available at the back of church

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 3 Anglican BD18 Churches plan to go away together and we would love as many of us to go. We are going to Rydal Hall in the Lakes.

10-12th July 2026

Let Natasha or Frances know if you would like to know more.

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!

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 Rita Henning and her family as they come to terms with their loss, as Albert died last Sunday. Details of the funeral are still to be confirmed.

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 22nd November, 10am.** For more information or to pass on a prayer request, please contact gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk.

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/7169033188?pwd=4cngFZPgq4MloTzzYYEPRrTLB42ehi.1>

Meeting ID: 716 9033 3188

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