



ST. PETER'S
— SHIPLEY —

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 1st February

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

Sunday 8th February

9.30am All-In Service with HC
11.5am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

**Presentation
of Christ**
Luke 2: 22 - 40

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION



What does waiting look like to you?

Would you describe yourself as a patient person? This week's reading is the ultimate story of patience. Jesus is presented at the temple and is met by two faithful elderly people who have been waiting for the fulfillment of God's promise of the arrival of the saviour. And to their absolute joy their faithfulness is rewarded. But they have had to wait years. And they have had to hold onto their hope, and have had to trust in God, for such a long time.

I wonder what it was that sustained them. What sustains you in your waiting?

I wonder what it is you hope for?

I wonder what things you have been patiently waiting on God to do.

What are the things that will totally change your life – reconciliation with a family member or a former friend? Is it for healing from an illness or constant pain? Are you

waiting for a loved one to come to know the goodness and love of God?

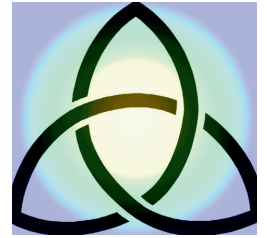
When we wait on God we get to know more about ourselves and about God. And it is in the waiting and prayer that we can start to feel the truth that Paul writes to the Philippians "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (4:6-7)

In our waiting, we can see other ways that we can love God and others around us. Perhaps in our waiting we can use our pain to help others and show honour to God. It is clear that Anna and Simeon were honoured and respected by the community and that their lives were destined to see God as a child. Their faithfulness meant that they were the first one's to declare their joy at meeting God. Their knowledge of God and their trust in him enabled them to stay with God through all the days and nights of waiting.

I pray that each of us grows in God's love, and that together we can feel the strength of what it means to be a family of God that affirms and strengthens each other. We at St Peter's will be entering uncharted waters as we explore with St Paul's and Christchurch how we can work and serve one another. We need to pray, we need to trust each other and know that God has called each of us to this place for this season, and so I pray we continue to work together in strength and courage to keep on building God's kingdom here in Shipley. I also think we are ready for change, because so many are involved and doing things now compared to a year ago. This Wednesday evening, nearly all the rooms were filled. The church was busy and active, not with outsiders but with church members gathering for meetings: our prayer ministry; the building; offering debt advice through CAP; youth and family strategy...over 30 people gathered working to make things better, working to bring God's kingdom to light for others. Praise God – this is kingdom work, where we do things together, using the gifts that the body of Christ provides. Amen.

Launching Prayer Bands

Having trusted friends to pray with is a wonderful way to grow in discipleship and self awareness. So we would like to provide the opportunity for members of the congregations to join a group of between 3-5 people who meet weekly to pray for each other, using 5 questions as a guide. We suggest using online meetings such as WhatsApp video or Zoom links, so this does not feel too much of a commitment. If you would like to be part of such a group please sign up at the back of church.



Calling All New People!!!

If you are fairly new at St Peter's or for what ever reason you are unsure as to how to get involved or contribute to aspects of our service, you are very warmly invited to the Vicarage for a cream team and lots of chat!

Sunday 8th February, 2-4pm
(2 Glenhurst Rd, Saltaire,
BD18 4DZ).

Coming Up at St Peter's...

Worship Meeting - Saturday 31st
January, 10.30am, Church

Forest Church - Sunday 1st February,
2-3pm, Hirst Wood

The Jam Club - Tuesday 3rd February,
3.30pm, Youth Hub

Alpha Course - Thursday 5th
February, 6.30pm, Hope Chapel

Cream Tea & Chat for Newbies and Others! - Sunday 8th February, 2-4pm,
The Vicarage

Pancake Party - Tuesday 17th
February, 2-4pm, Church

Lent Group - Thursday 19th February,
7pm, The Meeting Place

SAFEGUARDING

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

PASTORAL SUPPORT

For prayer or support, please email: pastoralsupport@stpetes.org.uk

Come along this Saturday if you want to be involved in Worship

If you play an instrument or sing and have wondered about being involved in musical worship on a Sunday, then please do join us on **Saturday 31st January at 10.30am**, to see how you can be involved and how we can shape our worship going forward into 2026.

Alpha

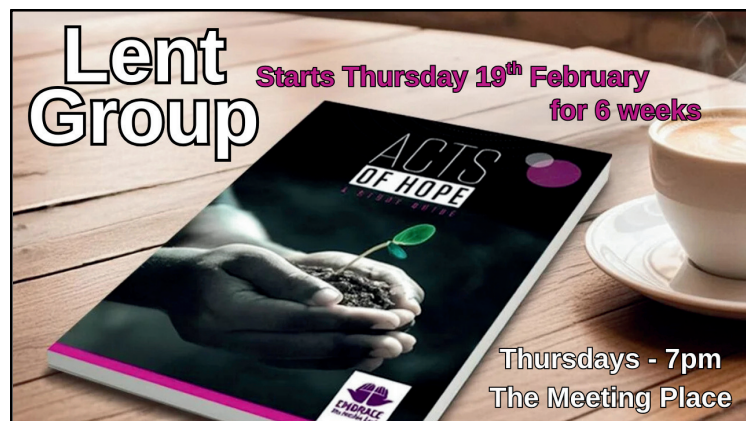
Do you have questions about God? Do you have a friend who might be interested but isn't sure? Invite your friend and come along to our Alpha Course - **Thursdays, 6.30pm in Hope Chapel**. Meal provided.



SAVE THE DATE!

The 3 Anglican BD18 Churches plan to go away to Rydal Hall in the Lakes together and we would love as many of us to go as possible - **10-12th July 2026**.

See Natasha or Frances for more info.



Prayers for People

Please also continue to remember and pray for members of our church who due to old age and disability are no longer able to attend church services, particularly, Ursula, John, Pam, Mary, Hazel and Christine.

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 31st January, 10am**. For more information or to pass on a prayer request, please contact gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk.

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