



ST. PETER'S
— SHIPLEY —

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 18th January

11.15am Communion
3.30pm Messy Church
6.30pm BREATHE @ Christchurch

Sunday 25th January

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

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

Week of Christian Unity

Ephesians 4: 1 - 13
John 15: 15 - 17

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

Well...so much happened last week, and there were so many points where we saw the Spirit involved and engaged with us. Last week's reflection tied in so perfectly in preparing us for the news that we received about Rev Brian leaving after Easter. And then on Sunday morning we were given a word from a reluctant parishioner (always a God sign!) that God wants us to know that we have to change after we had been told about someone coming to know Jesus after 12yrs of prayer through the pain of cancer.

Then at the evening service, the Holy Spirit was invited to come down from the rafters and to bless us. Prayers and the opportunity for opening up was offered to those who wanted. So what a start to the week...things really are going to change, as we work with the parishes of St Paul's and Christchurch and the Diocese to see where God wants to lead us. We are called to have faith, and to love and that means we need to consider how we trust and get to know each other. How do you want to do that? We as church are going to be stretched but as Isaiah 54 tells us, we are to be expectant, God says:

"Fill the air with song, you who've never experienced childbirth!
You're ending up with far more children, than all those childbearing women.
God says so! Clear lots of ground for your tents!
Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big!
Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep.
You're going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family.

There are different ways that we can be part of this growth, support the growth in ourselves through joining:

- Fellowship Groups (Contact Linda Furze about the different groups by emailing fellowship@stpetes.org.uk)
- A Strategic Ministry Group (Contact Natasha about the different groups)
- Volunteer to support our Prayer Ministry Team - which could include supporting Wrestling Church, See and Know (contact Keith Brown by emailing pastoralsupport@stpetes.org.uk)
- Join a lent group which starts Monday 23rd February (Contact Natasha) or the Churches Together Lent Group starting on Wednesday 25th February
- Pray for one another - asking different people what they need prayer for and sharing what you need prayer for
- Attend Welcome Space on a Friday between 11-2pm for the most amazing soup and croutons and a bit of cake!

Are there things that you feel you could offer the church with regards to time and experience that would help us to share God's kingdom to the people of Shipley? Let me know your thoughts. There will be a display at the back of church that will highlight some of the different ways that we need support, and an opportunity to sign up. Please pray for us the leadership team, as we take the next steps that help us to move towards change. Bless you. Bless God.

Rev Natasha Thomas

Join in with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th - 25th January

<https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>



Volunteers Needed to Pray at Wrestling Church

FRIDAY 23rd January at 6.30pm!

Found - Parcel Shelf!

A car parcel shelf was found in the hallway outside the lounge a few weeks ago. If it belongs to you, please contact the office / caretaker. Thank you.

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.

Coming Up at St Peter's...

Messy Church - Sunday 18th January, 3.30pm, Church

The Jam Club - Tuesday 20th January, 3.30pm, Youth Hub

Alpha Taster Session - Thursday 29th January, 6.30m, Hope Chapel

Wrestling Church - Friday 30th January, 6.30pm (doors open at 6pm), Church

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

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

Faith and Politics: Worship, Prayer and Conversation with Anna Dixon MP

Friday 23rd January, 7.30pm, St Paul's Church

An evening of sung worship, conversation and prayer as Anna shares her faith, key scripture, and songs which have been important to her in.

Alpha

Do you have questions about God? Do you have a friend who might be interested but isn't sure? Come and invite your friend to our Alpha Taster Session on **Thursday 29th January, 6.30pm in Hope Chapel**. Please contact Joseph or the office if you can help with providing meals.

Alpha



Do you play an instrument? Do you like to sing?

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.



Cook Stars - Cooking Classes for Kids

Minis and Juniors, 2-11 years old - Thursdays, 4-5.15pm, St Peter's Church
Buy one trial class, get one free! For more info visit www.cookstars.co.uk
or contact: joanne.mullarkey@cookstars.co.uk / 07447 825453

Eco Tips

Try to save money and energy during this cold spell by heating yourself, not your room, by wearing extra layers and moving around regularly where possible. However, for health reasons, the room you're in should ideally be heated to at least 18 degrees. If you or another Bradfordian you know struggles to afford this, there may be help available. For more information, visit the [Warm Homes Healthy People](http://www.warmhomeshealthy.com) website.

Join a Fellowship Group at St Peter's Church!

Meet regularly for Bible study, discussion, worship, prayer and support. Each group has its own unique character, evolving according to the needs of its members. For more information, or if you would like to join a group, please contact Linda Furze: fellowship@stpetes.org.uk

Prayers for People

Please continue to pray for Mandy Thorlby's parents, Helen & Mark, after Helen had a stroke and is still in hospital. 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 17th January, 10am**. For more information or to pass on a prayer request, please contact gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk.

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/77061467427?pwd=K1ibVijUFqN3T8cxOrdsYSONb7h2kj.1>
Meeting ID: 770 6146 7427 Passcode: hello