



ST. PETER'S
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 1st March

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

Sunday 8th March

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

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

Being born again -
A walk of faith...

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION



Being born again, is an interesting phrase and one that has very strong connotations for me to the evangelical movement of the 1980's where it was felt to be a real sign of being a Christian if you were slain in the spirit. That without it, you were perhaps at best a 'Sleeping Christian!' This made me feel that if I didn't speak in tongues or prophesy, I was a 2nd rate Christian somehow less of a Christian? This is not true! This is not what Jesus means when he was talking to Nicodemus about being born in the Spirit. Paul is also very clear about this - the primary thing we need to reflect if we are born again is love. We need to reflect love in and throughout our walk of life. Sadly it seems that the way our human minds work, is often to simplify things $a+b$ always = c !

We do this and that and then we are a Christian. It actually is both harder and simpler than that! We are to accept Jesus as our Lord. Our God. The one whom we put first above all things. In accepting this truth, God will bless us, because we will start to see what an amazing truth we are given, we will not hesitate in wanting to share the love of God. We will start to walk the walk of love. Love that blesses and enriches the world around us. Love that makes us stand out in the crowd, and yes a love that pours out its heart sometimes in words that are in tongues that are specifically for God and the angels in worship that others may or may not understand.

Walking with God is not straight forward or necessarily easy because it requires us to have **FAITH**. Faith in a God who is good and who loves us. It requires us to have a relationship with him through regular **PRAYER**. Prayer that acknowledges that we are but dust, and need Him and His Spirit to help us to regenerate. To change and be changed so that we can embody His message of love and kindness to one another. And we need to **TRUST** God. Trust that He is with us and that He will not let us fall.

We do not need to take big steps. Just little ones, and then when we look back we will see how the world has changed because of the way we have walked. Because it will have. Every thing we do makes an impact for good or for bad - we get to choose how we act. I'll end with this prayer that comes from my daily prayers:

"Lord you have given all to me, to You, Lord I return it. Everything is Yours, do with it what you will. Give me only Your love and Your grace. That is enough for me. Amen."

Rev Natasha Thomas

'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked.

'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!' Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit[b] gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

(John 3: 4-8)



Bradford Street Angels

Bradford Street Angels is a registered charity, set up in 2007 by members of local churches to help improve care and support in the City Centre.

Street Angels are unpaid volunteers who patrol every Friday evening and occasional Saturdays in the city centre from 8pm until 1am in mixed groups of three or four, wearing bright, but very warm fluorescent yellow jackets. Their main purpose is to help anyone who needs it and particularly anyone who they think might be vulnerable.

Volunteer with Bradford Street Angels!

Help needed with:

- Patrolling as Street Angels
- Fundraisers
- Prayer support

If you'd like to join us, please contact:

admin@bradfordstreetangels.org.uk

Coming Up at St Peter's...

Wrestling Church - Friday 27th
February, 6.30pm

Forest Church - Sunday 1st March,
2pm, Hirst Wood

The Bereavement Journey - Tuesday
3rd March, Meeting Place

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

Lent Group - Thursday 5th March,
7pm, Meeting Place

Messy Church - Sunday 15th March,
3.30pm

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

Lent Group: Thursdays, 7pm, Meeting Place

A time to pray, reflect and prepare for the resurrection of Jesus. Using material based on stories from Gaza, we will study the book of Acts to encourage us.

As the Palestinian theologian Munther Isaac said "Hope is not waiting for something. We create hope through our actions."



We are providing training in church on March 6th between 12 and 1pm for anyone who would be willing to learn how to do 'Sound' and the projector. If you can't attend the training but would like to learn, please speak to Mike Moss

Take Time Meditation Series for Early Lent

20 mins of peace, from the comfort of your own home, on Zoom.

Enter into a story from the Bible with a guided meditation. No pressure to show your video or speak. Wednesdays, 8:30pm - 18th, 25th February, 4th, 11th March.

Zoom Meeting ID: 545 396 6983 - Helen Scott (helsplatt@hotmail.com)

Eco Tips

Concerned about plastic waste? Join the Big Plastic count where between 9th and 15th March, households can count the plastic they throw away.

Your statistics will be used to help persuade government that the use of plastic packaging sold to us must be reduced. For more information see:

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

Churches Weekend Away - Rydal Hall (10th-12th July 2026)

Booking forms for our Churches Weekend Away will be available from **Sunday 1st March**. A link to the booking form will be emailed out to everyone on our mailing list at 9am on Sunday 1st March. For those unable to complete the electronic form, paper copies will also be available in church on this date.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please complete and return your booking form promptly!

Wrestling Church

Prayer helpers needed for Wrestling Church - Friday 27th February, 6.30pm

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 28th February, 10am.**

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/79453061549?pwd=oG4Jjpu7SoEkokijKaZET2AdgumiHM.1>
Meeting ID: 794 5306 1549 Passcode: hello