



ST. PETER'S
— SHIPLEY —

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 8th February

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

Sunday 15th February

11.5am Holy Communion
3.30pm Messy Church
6.30pm BREATHE @ St Peter's

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

The Beginning!

Genesis 1: 1 - 2:3



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

This weeks reading takes us back to the very beginning. The introduction to understanding who the Creator God is. Words that affirm that our God, as distinct from all the other gods that have ever been described, is a God that sets us up to love. Is not setting us up to be in competition with one another. Not setting us up as lower beings to do the will of those more mighty or else. Not setting us up to be slaves. Rather, we are established in a garden where we might be able to walk in the garden on an evening with the creator God.

Everything that God gave us is good. Genesis tells us of a God who wanted us to have the best, to live in a creation that is thought through and a blessing in its abundance to us as the custodians of this amazing creation. And that is the God that we believe in, the reason why our theology makes sense over any others is that God loved us first.

God knows our weakness and ability to be distracted away from all goodness but He is always still waiting for us to choose Him over other things, to choose the good things, because He has provided an abundance of all things. He created the lilies, the birds and the snowdrops that are coming through. Coming through with the promise of life and new beginnings. An indication that the dark nights and the winter will come to an end.

Last week, we reflected on the patience of Anna and Simeon. Two Godly ordinary people who waited on God for the promises made to them, to be fulfilled. Their's is a testimony that we can learn from. That even though the Messiah they were waiting for was not necessarily who they expected - he was not rich or powerful - they recognised God when they saw Him, and they were able to do that because they were right with God - in other words they were righteous people. We are called to be righteous so that we too can see and rejoice in the blessings that God presents us with. That we too can be stripped away of the world's anxieties and worries about what comes next and be blessed by what we see of God in the here and now.

We at St Peter's are going into a time of change and transition as we start on an accelerated journey towards understanding how God is calling us to serve the people of Shipley with our sister churches of St Paul's and Christchurch. Part of this is understanding what our shared vision might be, understanding how we can serve and love each other as a united body. This will come at a cost and we will encounter challenges along the way, yet God promises us a life of fullness if we trust in Him as the story of Genesis tells us. We are at the beginning of a new year, and we are at the beginning of a new journey of fellowship and love with our brothers and sisters. A time when we start to think of 'us' rather than 'them'. Our lectionary helps us this week to feel confident in this journey. Because we can see God's plan is one that is a promise of abundance, of providing us with all the things that we need to build our resilience and keep our faith and hope in Him and the kingdom that we are to be building on earth.

We have an opportunity through BREATHE (our monthly shared evening service) to gather together to pray and wait on God, our next service is on Sunday 15th February at St Peter's. Please do join us if you can.

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).

Alpha

Do you have questions about God? Come along to our Alpha Course - **Thursdays, 6.30pm in Hope Chapel.** Meal provided.



Coming Up at St Peter's...

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

Alpha Course - Thursday 12th February, 6.30pm, Hope Chapel

BREATHE - Sunday 15th February, 6.30pm, St Peter's church - A time to pray with St Paul's and Christchurch

Messy Church - Sunday 15th February, 3.30pm, Church

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

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

The Bereavement Journey - Tuesday 24th February, 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


The Bereavement Journey
a place to talk
Please contact the office to book your place

The Bereavement Journey

A seven-week course that gently guides people living in the Shipley area who have been bereaved at any time, through the most common aspects of grief and bereavement, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps.

Starts Tuesday 24th February, 7pm

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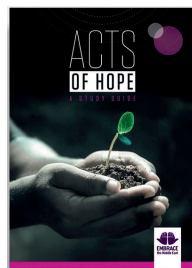


Volunteers Needed!

Can you help with children's work at the 9.30am Sunday services and/or at Rewired, our fortnightly youth group? Please speak to Joseph. joseph.buthee@stpetes.org.uk

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
Pancake Party
TUESDAY 17TH FEB 2-4 PM
@ St Peter's Church

Join us for pancakes, the Easter story, an obstacle course and other fun activities in church!



Lent Group: 19th February, 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."

Please join in with shared prayer to prepare for the new Parish of Shipley!

The BREATHE service is a time when we come together as the three churches across Shipley to pray and worship together. As we enter into this next phase towards becoming the Parish of Shipley, it is even more important for us to gather, to listen to each other and to pray together asking God for wisdom, direction and courage as we seek his will and vision for the people of Shipley.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 3 Anglican BD18 Churches plan to go away to Rydal Hall in the Lakes together **10-12th July 2026.** Booking forms will be available soon!

Launching Prayer Bands

Having trusted friends to pray with is a wonderful way to grow in discipleship and self awareness. Please consider joining a group this Lent (3-5 people) to meet weekly, using 5 questions as a guide. Please sign up at the back of church.

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 7th February, 10am.** <https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/79453061549?pwd=oG4Jpu7SoEkokijKaZETzAd9umiHM.1>
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