



ST. PETER'S  
— SHIPLEY —

# ST PETER'S



## SUNDAY SERVICES

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

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

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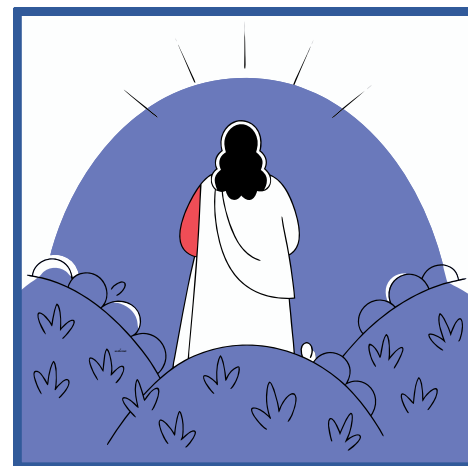
## THIS WEEK'S THEME

**Transfiguration**  
Matthew 17: 1 - 19

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

The Transfiguration is another one of those Christian festivals that highlights the divinity of the human Jesus. Jesus takes Peter, James and John to one of the highest mountains, where God proclaims "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

Jesus is at this point fully affirmed as God, and yet he is fully man. This fact for me is always mind-bending. How could God, the creator, the supreme King have lowered himself to be part of this world? Why would He put himself through all the difficulties, the hardship, the arguments, the challenges, the exhaustion, the hunger, the loneliness, the betrayal?



We are told time and again, throughout the whole Bible that He does this because He loves us, and that He wants a relationship with His children, who are lost, but whom He wants to be found. He wants us to know His love for us, deep in our hearts so that we can live our lives in response to that love. The verses that follow on from the transfiguration story, tell of how the disciples had not managed to heal a young man who was demon possessed. This is such a stark reminder of the reality that we are in need of Jesus and that we need to keep growing in Him if we are to help bring His kingdom to earth - healing the sick, challenging darkness with light, showing love instead of hate. Jesus, at this point in His ministry, is demonstrating to His closest friends that he is the fulfilment of the promises made by the prophets before. That through Him they can and we can have a new relationship with God, that can bring us back to the garden of Eden, the place where there is no pain, no cruelty or injustice. A place where everything is abundant, and our relationship with God and each other is as it should be.

I recognise that we can sometimes know these words but they can feel hollow. Not somehow real to us. How can God really accept all that we are. Really be there when things go badly or challenge us.. We need to reach out and trust from our heart, deep trust that goes beyond human understanding that declares that above it all, Jesus is Lord. It is then when we feel it in our hearts that we can start to grow in confidence and trust that we can let go of things that are of this earth, and trust that God has it. At times that can feel very hard when we perceive differences, when we feel threatened by things that seem to challenge our sense of status quo and wellbeing. But it is amazing that when we believe that God has got it, we do not feel as frightened or afraid of the journey. As John tells us in his gospel: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

**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 15<sup>th</sup> February at St Peter's. Please do join us if you can.**



## St Peter's Mission

We are proud at St Peter's to support various mission groups both abroad and locally. The groups that we are supporting this year are:

Wycliffe Translators

Sudan Link

Sri Lanka

CAP - Christians Against Poverty

Zephaniah Trust

Food Bank

Christian Aid Week and occasional fundraising opps

Children's Society at Christingle

Would you be willing to be the contact person for one of these amazing missions that are focused on spreading God's love?

## Coming Up at St Peter's...

**Messy Church** - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30pm, Church

**BREATHE** - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm, St Peter's church

**Pancake Party** - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2-4pm, Church

**Ash Wednesday Holy Communion** - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm, Christchurch, Windhill (joint service)

**Alpha Course** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm, Hope Chapel

**Lent Group** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm, Meeting Place

**The Bereavement Journey** - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Meeting Place

### SAFEGUARDING

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact our safeguarding officer: Frances Vose - [safeguarding@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stpetes.org.uk)

### PASTORAL SUPPORT

For prayer or support, please email: [pastoralsupport@stpetes.org.uk](mailto: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.

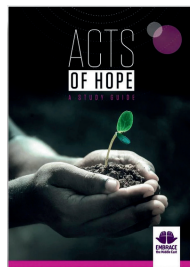
**Starts Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm**

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## Eco Tips

To reduce energy usage try residual heat cooking (turn off hobs/ovens a few minutes early so the lingering heat finishes your cooking for you).

If you have an eco tip please contact [gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:gemma.richards@stpetes.org.uk)



## Lent Group: 19<sup>th</sup> 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 as we listen to what God is calling us to.

The BREATHE service is a time when we come together as three churches across Shipley to pray and worship. 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 **10-12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**.  
**Booking forms will be available soon!**

## 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](mailto:helsplatt@hotmail.com))

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> February, 10am**.

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/79453061549?pwd=oG4JJpu7SoEkokijKaZETzAdgumiHM.1>  
**Meeting ID: 794 5306 1549** **Passcode: hello**