



ST PETER'S



SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 8th March

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

Sunday 15th March

11.15am Holy Communion
3.30pm Messy Church
6.30pm BREATHE @ St Paul's

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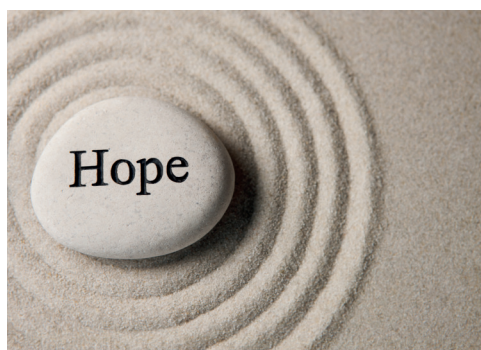
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THIS WEEK'S THEME

Eternal Hope...

John 4: 5-42
Romans 5: 1-11

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION



“Hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:5-9

This week, I am not quite sure what to say. America and Israel have declared war on Iran. Iran is retaliating by bombing Bahrain, Qatar, Cyprus, Israel to name a few. There is a lot of talk about escalation and hate and retaliation. Stamping down, crushing, breaking...but the people who suffer the most are the people on the ground. The people who find their homes, communities, businesses obliterated in a moment.

So, I am so grateful that our passages this week are so focused on hope. Hope for all of us who have done wrong and have persistently done wrong. The woman at the well could only visit it on her own because she was shunned by her community and her many relationships. Jesus offers her the hope of eternal water, that will bring her eternal life. She accepts all that Jesus tells her and rushes off to tell her community, who come with her to hear the good news that speaks of repentance, love and forgiveness. Paul too reminds us that we can find hope because He is the God of love, that can be shared with others even though we do not deserve this grace.

I love the image on the left because it shows the significance of hope as an attitude, in that when we reflect hope it ripples out, it flows from us. We do not need to accept the world as it is, we can expect things to be different. We can expect the world to be a different place and for His kingdom to come. As Christians we can proclaim hope in a desperately appalling time.

Rev Natasha Thomas

Opportunities for Discussing the Future Relationships between Christchurch LEP, St Paul's and St Peter's

As many of you may know, Rev Brian Greenfield will be leaving at the end of April, and the three parishes have been asked to consider what our future might look like together and how we might work together in a more coherent way - do we become one parish or one benefice for instance?

We are therefore hosting a series of Q&A sessions throughout March after the following services:

- Christchurch - 8th March
- St Paul's - 15th March
- St Peter's - 22nd March

We have produced a Question and Answer sheet, which is a starting point for our discussions, but please do not hesitate in contacting me to discuss your thoughts, feelings, worries before or after this time.



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

Online booking forms available [here](#).

For those unable to complete the electronic form, paper copies are also available in church. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please complete and return your booking form promptly to avoid disappointment!

(If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend, but feel that you want to support others financially to be able to do so, please let Rev Natasha or our treasurer, Mike Moss, know. Thank you.)

Coming Up at St Peter's...

Spring Gardening - Saturday 7th March, 2.30pm

AV Training - Saturday 7th March, 12pm, Church

The Bereavement Journey - Tuesday 10th March, 6.30pm, Meeting Place

Lent Group - Thursday 12th March, 7pm, Meeting Place

Messy Church - Sunday 15th March, 3.30pm

Funeral Service for the Late Patricia Hornby - Monday 23rd March, 2pm

Pete's Eats - Sunday 29th March after 11.15am service (No 9.30am service)

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



Audio Visual Training

We are providing training in church on **Saturday 7th March, 12 noon**

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.

Spring Gardening!

If you fancy helping with a bit of clearing the garden area in the front of or to the side of church, please join Natasha from **2.30pm this Saturday 7th March** for a bit of a spring clear up. Please bring your own gloves and tools.



Eco Tips

The Great British Spring Clean is from **Friday 13th - Sunday 29th March.**

This is your opportunity to clean up your immediate environment through some litter picking. Chose an area important to you to tidy up. There are 2 litter pickers available to borrow from the church porch if you want to have a go!

To focus on cutting your carbon footprint over Lent, please see this website for details of how you can do a climate fast for Lent.

If you sign up you will receive weekly tips. <https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

BREATHE

@ ST PAUL'S

A time to worship and pray together for Shipley

**Sunday 15th March
6.30pm
St Paul's Church, Shipley**

3rd Sunday of the month. 6.30pm
Rotating between
St Paul's / Christchurch / St Peter's

Please check church noticeboards / websites / social media for details of which church will be hosting each month

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)

Prayers for Others

Please pray for those who grieve the loss of Patricia Hornby who died on Thursday last week. Her funeral will be held at St Peter's Church on **Monday 23rd March at 2pm.**

Please also pray for those we know who are currently unwell or who are recovering from operations.

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 March, 10am.

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/74555501410?pwd=Tb826hjeWK9nF5qbwr5ov7aUnDZb8.1>
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