



ST PETER'S



SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 22nd March

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

Sunday 29th March

11.15am Holy Communion
Followed by Pete's Eats
6.30pm Reset: Evening Worship

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THIS WEEK'S THEME

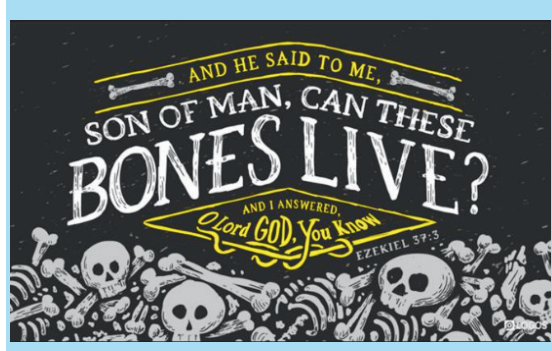
Resurrection

John 11:1-45
Ezekiel 37: 1-14

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

Our Lenten lectionary readings continue to lead us to consider what we understand by death and resurrection. The gospel reading tells the story of how Lazarus is raised from the dead and our second reading is from Ezekiel, where he is taken in a vision to a valley of dry bones - representing the people of Israel as they experience the devastation of exile and witness the destruction of their holy temple in Jerusalem. Both stories take us to dark and grief stricken places. Places of apparent hopelessness. But in both instances, God is there. God is with the people - in the man of Jesus, and in the vision for Ezekiel offering hope and new life. New life that is breathed into Lazarus and the 1000's of bones that are lost without their God.

New life is the hope that we know is coming. New life is what God wants us all to have and this is the joy that we can hold onto when we are walking through the valley of death, sadness, brokenness, anxiety. It is good to notice, that when God says to Ezekiel 'Son of man, can these bones live?' he answers 'O Lord God. You know'. There is no avoiding the horror, but there is total trust that God will bring life if He chooses. And so Ezekiel, does as he is directed. He trusts entirely in what God says and he prophesies as he is directed - to breathe new life into the lifeless bones. He is to bring hope and transformation to the people of Israel.



God says 'My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.' We as God's people, with His Spirit living in us are called to declare and share this hope of restoration and transformation, as we look towards the coming of Easter.

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. The session at St Peter's will take place after the 11.15am service on **Sunday 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. If for whatever reason you miss this conversation, we will be facilitating some group sessions for conversation and prayer after Easter.



Churches Weekend Away Rydal Hall (10th-12th July) Places still available in the Bunk House - Book now!

Online booking forms available [here](#).

For those unable to complete the electronic form, paper copies are also available in church.

(If you are unable to attend, but 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...

Q&A Session - Sunday 22nd March after 11.15am service,

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

Funeral Service for the late Hazel Fawley - Tuesday 24th March, 12.30pm

Wrestling Church - Friday 27th March, 6.30pm ***Please pray!***

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

Connecting Faith Conversations - Find out more about Islam at our first session - Thursday 9th April, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church

CAP Money Management Course Taster Session - Wednesday 15th April, 7pm, Meeting Place

Gardening Afternoon - Saturday 25th April, 2pm

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

Church Warden Vacancy

We are looking for a new church warden.

If you are interested in the role please contact Natasha or one of the existing wardens to discuss further.

Men's Curry Evening

Friday 17th April, 7pm at Shimla Spice, Shipley

Come along, bring a friend!

Calling all Gardeners and Non Gardeners!

Saturday 25th April from 2pm

Come and help keep our church gardens blooming! We have a list of jobs for all abilities. Please bring your own gardening gloves. Martin and Louise Forbes



CAP Money Management - Taster Session

Need help to budget? Want to learn how to use a simple budgeting tool? Come to a taster session for the CAP Money Management Course, run by Andy Thorlby and Angus Mc Nab. Wednesday 15th April, 7pm, Meeting Place, St Peter's Church.

Connection Faith Conversations

On the 2nd Thursday of the month during April, May, June and July, a Christian leader and an Imam will be discussing their perspectives on the following topics:

- ~ Understanding God and Revelation
- ~ Prayer and Worship
- ~ Compassion, Charity and Helping Others
- ~ Living Faith in a Diverse Society

The first session will take place on **Thursday 9th April, 7.30pm at St Peter's Church**. Future sessions will be held either at St Peter's Church or at a local mosque (venues TBC).

Cake Wanted for Two Events!

Better Together Fun Day,
Thursday 9th April, 11-2pm

Windhill Playing Fields, Church Street, BD18 2NR

Connecting Faith Conversations
Thursday 9th April, 7.30pm

St Peter's Church

Prayers for Others

Please pray for all those who grieve the loss of their loved ones:

Patricia Hornby

Patricia's funeral will be held on Monday 23rd March, 2pm at St Peter's Church.

Hazel Fawley

Hazel's funeral will be held on Tuesday 24th March, 12.30pm at St Peter's Church.

John Froud

John's funeral will be held on Friday 27th March, 3pm at Shipley Baptist Church. The service will be held in the church upstairs and livestreamed, via the Shipley Baptist Church YouTube channel, downstairs and at two nearby satellite venues - St Paul's Church and Christian Life Church.

Keith Hodgson

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Keith, a former member of the St Peter's Church congregation, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday.

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 21st March, 10am.

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

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