



ST PETER'S



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 12th April

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

Sunday 19th April

11.15am Holy Communion
3pm Messy Church
6.30pm BREATHE @ Christchurch

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Peace be with You

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION- *SHALOM BY JOSEPH BUTHEE*

"Peace at last," I sighed, sinking into the couch after dropping my daughter at nursery. The house was finally quiet, dust settling, cup of tea in hand. I breathed. For one golden moment, rest. But soon my eyes wandered: "I should clean, get the shopping, reply to those emails, sort the laundry, book that dentist appointment..." I started pacing, tinkering. Notifications pinged, more pings flooded in, and suddenly it was three o'clock ...time to collect her, bribe her along the road with sweets, negotiate four times on the walk home, unload toys across the living-room floor, cook dinner amid the chaos, battle bedtime screams... and repeat tomorrow...collapse into the couch completely frazzled.

We live on this conveyor belt, forever chasing peace.

Some sing for it with John Lennon's Imagine, others book spa breaks or dream of that Costa del Sol holiday, seven days of sun, a good book, and no responsibilities. Beauty queens plead for "world peace" on stage, stressed mums scroll for yoga classes, and campaigners march through central London demanding it.

We're desperate to carve out even a sliver of calm. C.S. Lewis put it: "If we find a desire within us that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." No amount of Netflix, cups of tea, or mindfulness apps can fill the God-shaped hole in our hearts.

Yet real peace is not found in a place, or a protest, it is a Person, a Prince. He is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), and the Hebrew word for this is shalom (שָׁלוֹם): nothing missing, nothing broken, complete well-being in every part of life. "This is impossible, we will never reach completeness Joseph!" I hear you cry...and you are correct, circumstantially we won't ever reach perfection on this side of the eternity. But through the cross we can enter into the 'peace of God which surpasses all understanding', we can live in the rest, the sabbath, even on the school run, the commute and even as we navigate piles of laundry.

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" (John 14:27). In Him the chasing finally ends, not because we can achieve perfection of circumstances but in receiving him.

Electoral Roll

In readiness for our APCM on **Sunday 17th May**, we are encouraging all those who have recently started to worship at St Peter's to join the church Electoral Roll. This entitles you to vote at the APCM when elections take place for churchwardens, PCC members etc... You should either reside in the parish OR have worshipped at St Peter's for six months or more. We ask church members to check that they are on the electoral roll prior to the APCM (a list of names will be displayed in church from this Sunday 12th April). If you don't see your name on the list and wish to be on it, please complete either an [online](#) or paper application form (available from the Welcome Desk) and leave it in the labelled folder or return to Zahida, so that your name can be added prior to the APCM. Forms will go live / be available from Sunday 12th April. The deadline for completing forms will be **Sunday 26th April**. You don't need to reapply if you are already on the roll.

Zahida Mallard - Electoral Roll Officer

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.**

Men's Curry Evening

Friday 17th April, 7pm at Shimla Spice, Shipley
Come along, bring a friend!
Sign up at the back of church.

Calling all Gardeners and Non Gardeners!

Saturday 25th April from 2pm
Help keep our church gardens blooming! Jobs for all abilities. BYO gardening gloves.
Martin and Louise Forbes

Coming Up at St Peter's...

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

See & Know - Friday 17th April, 9.30am

Welcome Space - Friday 17th April, 11am-2pm

Messy Church - Sunday 19th April, 3pm

Wrestling Church - Friday 24th April, 6.30pm

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

BREATHE @ CHRISTCHURCH

A time to worship and pray together for Shipley

Sunday 19th April 6.30pm
Christchurch, Windhill

Joint Service of Thanksgiving for Brian & Emma's Ministry

Sunday 26th April, 6.30pm
St Paul's Church



Why take part in Christian Aid Week?

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.



Most most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. Fridah knows this reality well. But she's determined to protect her grandchildren from hunger.

Through our partner, Beacon of Hope, she's received tools, seeds and training to grow fresh vegetables in a small city space - food she can cook for her family or sell to earn income.

'Now I can plan. I can buy this; I can buy that. I can help my family.'

Help Shape Our Church!

Help shape our future through Experience-Based Co-Design. This is an opportunity to move beyond feedback to co-create our offerings and activities, ensuring our shared ministry is rooted in your real experiences. To take part please contact Sophie at sophantonova@gmail.com to sign up today!

Congregation Listening Event: **Thursday 30th April - 6 - 8:30pm**

Congregation & Leadership Gathering: **Sunday 31st May - 12:30 - 4pm**

Closing Celebration: **Sunday 28th June - 12:30 - 2pm**

Prayers for Others

Please pray for all those who grieve the loss of their loved ones. 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 11th April, 10am

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/76270283071?pwd=Yay8LTKTmbbg8ahoyjQ3kZWzirqA9Tt.1>

Meeting ID: 762 7028 3071

Passcode: hello

New Greetings Cards



Available now in church for a suggested donation of £1 each.

Live@AvondaleClub

Sunday 26th April 7.30 - 9.30pm

An evening of Gospel and Motown music with Rachel Modest (The Voice UK semi-finalist). Pay as You Feel (£5 minimum suggested for those with an income). A safe space to bring non-Christian friends and neighbours. The Avondale Club, 19 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3PJ.