



ST PETER'S



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 3rd May

9.30am All-In Service
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Reset: Evening Worship

Sunday 10th May

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

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THEME

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a royal nation, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

How does it feel to be chosen?

It can make us feel good; it can make us feel affirmed in a skill or a gift; it can also make us feel a bit nervous... because being chosen does bring with it responsibilities. If we are chosen to join a team, then we need to play our part, we do not want to let others down because we care about the team being successful.

How does it feel to be chosen by God? To be chosen to be on his team? About being chosen to be part of church? Chosen to be part of the community that is to bring light. Do we feel ourselves to be someone who is chosen to be part of a team or community? And therefore recognise the things that we can offer and share - our gifts, skills, resources to help others to overcome darkness and be part of building the kingdom. The amazing thing is that we are all chosen, no one is left on the side-lines waiting to be picked (memories of netball come to mind!) It is not like that. God wants us all in his team, because he has made us so that we all can contribute something because we have God the Father living in us through the Holy Spirit. We are all made to contribute our part. A bit like a jigsaw puzzle, we all have a piece to play. When one of us doesn't play, the picture is changed from the perfect image it could be - from what it was originally intended to be.



We have the opportunity to be built into a spiritual house that reflects God's love and light to all people. This is what Peter is telling us when he is writing to the early church. We are all chosen to play our part. Sometimes we don't contribute because we do not know how to, or we feel our offerings are not good enough. But remember the widow who gave her last coin, compared to the pharisees who gave their tithe without thinking - obviously costing them nothing. she was the one who was blessed. Following Jesus and building his kingdom will cost us, will challenge us to do more and be more than we thought we could. He takes our heart and our intent and grows what is offered.

So this week, I ask that we think about what it means to us to be chosen, and what part God is calling us to play. We may feel weak or scared, we may feel unsure but that is when we lean into God as our cornerstone and ask Him to help us, and then the amazing thing is we can let go of the anxiety because we find that we can accept his peace.

Rev Natasha Thomas



Christian Aid Week

10th-16th May

Coming Up...

Photography Exhibition: Hymns & Psalms @ St Peter's Church (Free)

- Saturday 2nd May, 10am-4pm
- Sunday 3rd May, 1-4pm
- Monday 4th May, 10am-4pm

Forest Church - Sunday 3rd May, 2pm, Hirst Wood

Ladies' Bring & Share Quiz Night - Friday 8th May, 7pm, St Paul's Church.

Leadership Event - Sunday 10th May, 12.30-3pm, St Peter's Church

Joseph's Leaving Meal - Sunday 10th May, 7.30pm, Shimla Spice, Shipley

Christian Aid Week - 10th-16th May

Ascension Day Joint HC Service - Thursday 14th May, 7pm, St Paul's Church

Connecting Faith Conversations - Thursday 14th May, 7.30pm, Ihya College

BCCS Quiz Night - Friday 15th May, 7pm, St Matthew's Church

APCM - Sunday 17th May, 10.30am

Messy Church - Sunday 17th May, 3.30pm

BREATHE - Sunday 17th May, 6.30pm, St Peter's Church

Bradford Pentecost Festival - Sunday 24th May, 2-4pm, City Park

Wrestling Church - Friday 29th May, 6.30pm.

Live@AvondaleClub - Sunday 31st May, 7.30-9.30pm, The Avondale Club. An evening of music with Joe King. (Pay as you feel)

Fern Hill Open Morning - Saturday 6th June, 10am-12pm. Contact Jackie Loach if you can help on the day.

Shipley Open Gardens - Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June, 1-5pm. Programmes available now from the Welcome Desk in church.



Help Shape Our Churches!

Get involved in shaping how we can serve Shipley as three churches together. You are invited to join in sharing your thoughts about what we love and perhaps are not so sure about our churches! Please contact Sophie at sophantonova@gmail.com if you would like to know more. Each meeting will be held at St Peter's Church:

Leadership Event: Sunday 10th May, 12.30-3pm

For ministers, wardens, PCC members & leaders of activities

Congregation & Leadership Gathering : Sunday 31st May, 12:30 - 4pm (For all - Bring and Share lunch)

Celebration Event: Sunday 28th June, 12:30 - 2pm (For all)

Connecting Faith Conversations

Join a Christian leader and an Iman as they discuss their perspectives on Prayer and Worship - **Thursday 14th May, 7.30pm, Ihya College** (Former Conservative Club on Otley Rd, Shipley).



Connecting Faith Through Art



Artists will continue to visit St Peter's to create a mosaic using your ideas around Christian symbols and they would love it if you wanted to help.

Joseph's Leaving Meal

Sunday 10th May, 7.30pm

Shimla Spice, Shipley

Please let Karen Baguley know if you can attend.

Karen.baguley@stpetes.org.uk, 07871 173886

Thank you!

Youth and Family Coordinator Job opportunity...

If you are interested in applying, then please do get in touch with Rev Natasha on 07887707221

Welcome Space

Due to a funeral in church, Welcome Space will close at **1pm** on **Friday 15th May**.

Thank you for your cooperation. The Welcome Space Team.



Join us for a
Summer Dinner
to raise funds for the
Bradford Court Chaplaincy Service
£35 per person for a 3 course dinner
Charity raffle on the night

JUNE
FRIDAY **12** FROM 6:45PM
2026
at
Hoyle Court, Baildon, BD17 6JS

Book your place or table via Kirsty
info@bccsassist.org.uk
01274 722422

Bank transfer
Bradford Court Chaplaincy Service
Sort Code: 08-92-99
Acc no: 6529 6079

Prayers for Others

Please pray for all those who grieve the loss of their loved ones. It is with great sadness that we inform you that Ann Mainman died recently. Her funeral will be on Friday 15th May at 1pm at St Peter's church.

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