



ST. PETER'S
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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 10th May

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

Thursday 14th May

7pm Joint Holy Communion @
St Paul's

Sunday 17th May

10.30am Holy Communion & APCM
3.30pm Messy Church
6.30pm BREATHE @ St Peter's

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THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

THEME

God's promise of Love...



Elections and Rainbows...what do they have in common? A promise.

Politicians make promises and the rainbow is the sign of the promise that God made to the world after it had been flooded and destroyed. So are promises to be trusted? The problem with relying on the promises of people is that they are fallible and I believe that most politicians aim to do what they believe is the best thing to do, they fall into murky waters when they have to accommodate a number of views and circumstances. They become a compromise. A desire to do better gets watered down for so many reasons, which then leaves many of us feeling disillusioned and wondering how on earth things can get better.

But the promise of the rainbow is steadfast. It is a sign from God that He will never again seek to destroy the earth even though He knows our hearts are bad. In our reading on Sunday we will be reflecting on the story of Noah, and we learn that because he was righteous, he paused to thank God by making a sacrifice to Him, killing life which was so precious in honour of God, that God then made this promise to all humanity, even though He knew that our hearts were not ever going to be fully faithful to Him. It says in Genesis 8: *The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done."*

The rainbow therefore is a sign of God's infinite understanding of who we are, and despite that, He promises never to destroy things in this way. The rainbow reveals God's infinite love for His children and His willingness to accept us even though we don't deserve it. This promise unlike humans' promises can absolutely be trusted. God is steadfast in His love for us, as is shown by the fact that He sent His son Jesus to show us how to live because He longs for all of us to follow His ways of righteousness towards him and towards each other - after all we are all made in his image. We are never left on our own, because today we can ask the Holy Spirit to be in the world with us and in us, so that we can be helped and guided as to how we can be His hands and feet, how we can work towards bringing His Kingdom to earth together. So, this week look out for rainbows and remember God's truth of faithfulness and love.

Rev Natasha Thomas



Christian Aid Week
10th-16th May

Family & Youth Coordinator Job Opportunity

If you are interested in applying, please contact Rev Natasha on 07887707221.

Coming Up...

Help Shape our Churches: 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. (Leaving Saltaire train station at 1.02pm)

Wrestling Church - Friday 29th May, 6.30pm.

Help Shape our Churches: Congregation & Leadership Gathering - Sunday 31st May, 12.30-4pm, St Peter's Church (Bring & Share Lunch)

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.

BCCS Summer Dinner - Friday 12th June, 6.30pm, Hoyle Court, £35 pp.

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

Help Shape our Churches: Celebration Event - Sunday 28th June, 12.30-2pm, St Peter's Church

SAFEGUARDING

For safeguarding concerns please email our safeguarding officer:
Frances Vose -
safeguarding@stpetes.org.uk

PASTORAL SUPPORT

For prayer or support, please email:
pastoralsupport@stpetes.org.uk

Help Shape Our Churches!

Get involved in shaping how we can serve Shipley as three churches together. Share your thoughts about what we love and perhaps are not so sure about our churches! See the 'Coming Up' section for details of the sessions.

Eco Tips

Use peat-free compost, plant native species to support pollinators and install a water butt to collect rainwater. As the weather gets warmer, reduce your disposable cup and plastic bottle use by carrying a reusable drink container.

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.

Introduction to Theology Course

Our diocese is now taking bookings for the introduction to theology course, available for anyone interested in exploring our faith more. This can also be done as a first step to doing further lay courses such as 'occasional preachers' or 'lay pastoral ministry.' 'You can do the course online or face to face. To book on, or for more info, contact anne.payne@leeds.anglican.org. More info [here](#).

Weeding Request

The St Paul's Churchyard is looking very overgrown with weeds, particularly the paths. If you can help by doing some weeding, please come along any time and do so! Bring your own gloves and tools. Speak to Anne Luxton for more info or any questions (luxton4040@gmail.com / 07547 187624).

Can you help at the Bradford Pentecost Festival?

They need evangelists, people to help set up and down, prayer ministers, stewards... If you are interested please join Natasha at the **Life Church** on **Wednesday 13th May at 7pm** for prayer, worship and information.

Thy Kingdom Come: 14th - 24th May

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journals will be available in church from this Sunday. To find out more about [Thy Kingdom Come](#), please visit the website.

Rydal Hall - Payment Reminder & Bunk House Spaces

Thank you to everyone who has already made payment for our Churches Weekend Away at Rydal Hall in July. If you are yet to do so, this is a gentle reminder that payments are due by **Friday 15th May** at the latest. If, for whatever reason, you are struggling to do this, please get in touch with Jen in the office ASAP. Spaces are still available in the Bunk House, so if you would like to sign up, please also get in touch ASAP. Thank you.

Prayers for Others

Please pray for those we know who are in hospital as well as those who grieve the loss of their loved ones, particularly the family and friends of Ann Mainman whose funeral service will be held on Friday 15th May at 1pm at St Peter's.

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 9th May, 10am

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