



# ST PETER'S



## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am All-In Service with HC  
2-4pm Bradford Pentecost Festival  
@ City Park

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## THEME

Celebrating  
God's work over  
the last year...  
And praying for  
the future

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

I know some people find annual meetings a bit boring, and to be honest they can be. If we just focus on the governance and voting people in, it can feel a bit laborious. But if we stop to think about what it is that we are doing, we are looking back and seeing where God has brought us over the last 12 months. We are looking back to see the journey that God has taken us on. Sometimes it is all too easy to get stuck in the day to day routines and not be able to see the wood for the trees. So this Sunday, we shall look back and see the blessings that God has given us. I can't resist pointing out some of the highlights:

- We appointed Joseph as our family and youth worker and have seen Rewired establish itself; Rooted - teaching for young people during the service.
- We have supported two family fun days with over 100 people attending both
- We had the most wonderful Musical Memories event for older people, that enabled people to share their memories of specific music as well as to dance to a live band.
- We have seen our prayer ministry team grow from 5 people to 15! Resulting in prayer being offered to all three congregations
- We have seen more people step up and get involved in the whole life of the church whether that is pastoral care, discipleship, mission and outreach, buildings or families and youth.
- We have been able to continue to give towards World Wide mission and particularly together we hosted Archbishop Ezekiel on behalf of the diocese to hear and to pray for Sudan as they continue to experience the horror of war.

Amazing! I praise God for His faithfulness to us, and the opportunities He has given us to glorify Him. Remembering that all that we do is done in order to focus on and to honour God. As well as it being a way of pointing the way to those who do not know Him. We celebrated Ascension Day on Thursday. A point in our church calendar when we remember that Jesus rose to Heaven from earth and now is King over all things. Death is conquered and through his ascension we can receive the Holy Spirit. The work that we have seen done over the last year reflects how all of us have been witnesses to Jesus, and we can only really do this because of the Spirit being with us and helping us. Helping us overcome the barriers of this world.

We now enter the time of Thy Kingdom Come, the 10 days of waiting for Pentecost to come. During this time, please pray for at least 5 people to come to know the love and power of God in their lives, and ask for the Spirit to help you to speak truth to them.

*Rev Natasha Thomas*

**Coming Up...**

APCM - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am

Messy Church - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 3.30pm

BREATHE - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm,  
St Peter's Church

**Bradford Pentecost Festival** - Sunday  
24<sup>th</sup> May, 2-4pm, City Park. (Leaving  
Saltaire train station at 1.02pm or  
ShIPLEY at 13.05)

Wrestling Church - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May,  
6.30pm.

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

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

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

**BCCS Summer Dinner** - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June,  
6.30pm, Hoyle Court, £35 pp.

**ShIPLEY Open Gardens** - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> &  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1-5pm. Programmes  
available in church.

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

**Please note that there is NO 9.30am service this week and  
NO 11.15am service next week!**

Due to the APCM, our annual celebration of what God has been doing in our parish over the last year, we will meet as one congregation this week. Next week, as we have decided to celebrate the church's birthday of Pentecost with brothers and sisters across Bradford, we will have a communion service at 9.30am, which will give us time to have lunch before heading down to Bradford for 2pm. I shall be catching the 13.05 from Shipley, and happy to give anyone a lift to the station. Just text 0778707221.

**Family & Youth Coordinator - Job Opportunity**

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

**Eco Tips****The People's Emergency Briefing**

On **Saturday 27th June, 7-9pm** you're invited to watch a free 45-minute film 'The People's Emergency Briefing' at St Peter's Church. This film is being screened as part of the National Emergency Briefing, a national organisation supported by groups including the Church of England. The film is about the impact of climate change on the UK, with a chance for a short discussion afterwards about your response to the film.

Please sign up [here](#) or via the QR code.

**Thy Kingdom Come: 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journals are now available in church. This is an opportunity for us to be praying for 5 people to come to know the love of Jesus every day for the next 10 days. To find out more about [Thy Kingdom Come](#), please visit the website.

**Payments Due!**

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, we now **urgently** require payment. If, for whatever reason, you are struggling to do this, please get in touch with Jen in the office ASAP. Thank you.

**Places still available in the Bunk House**

Please do not feel like you have missed the boat! We still have around 10 beds available. So do not miss out on the opportunity to gather socially, to pray, to worship, have fun and to seek, together God's abundance in Shipley.

**SAFEGUARDING**

For safeguarding concerns please email our safeguarding officer:  
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**PASTORAL SUPPORT**

For prayer or support, please email:  
[pastoralsupport@stpetes.org.uk](mailto:pastoralsupport@stpetes.org.uk)

**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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> May, 10am**  
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