



ST PETER'S



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 24th May

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

Sunday 31st May

11.15am Morning Worship
Followed by Pete's Eats
6.30pm Holy Communion

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THEME



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

And so together with the wide world church we celebrate the Church's birthday as we celebrate Pentecost. The day when the disciples who had witnessed Jesus depart into the clouds, who had obediently been waiting in a room in Jerusalem for the Spirit to come. And it did in power and might. In wind and fire. The Holy Spirit came and descended on those men and women who had been worshipping and glorifying God. Not knowing what they were waiting for. And the gifts that came upon them on that first morning (we are told 9.30am!) was the ability to talk in different languages, and then the courage to stand before the crowds and proclaim the good news. The good news that Jesus died and rose again, and has now sent his spirit to be with us, and in us. The Holy Spirit that will bring transformation and change to all those who seek it.

The Holy Spirit who is there to help us. I wonder how many of us really stop and think and then ask for help from the Spirit when we are facing trouble. What I found so amazing last week, was that there were a number of people who shared words of encouragement for me, which actually I think might be words of encouragement for all of us.

Firstly, I was told to remember that God has this and will not let us fall - That just like the dad who stands on the staircase whilst his child shouts up and throws himself down into his arms. This is what God will do for us. We will be held safe. And then secondly I was told the words of an old school moto that had come to their mind, that what we need is:

- **Courage** - Courage to step forward into unknown places. Courage to speak up for what is right and good. Courage to proclaim the good news like those early disciples.
- **Gaity** - That this journey is part of having fun. That we should laugh and enjoy ourselves. God wants the best for us. Let us enjoy this time together.
- **Stillness of Mind** - We need to have moments when we pause. When we can hear the quiet whisper of God who does not always come in the wind and the fire. That we need to be steady in our approach.

The last words shared with me were that we should beware the devil within - this might be people who want to disrupt and lead us down the wrong route. But it might also be that our minds can start to challenge our convictions, undermine truth, and start to doubt what we should do.

So please pray that we remember that we are God's children and that we are loved and that he holds us safe, but we need to be aware that the choices we make are always choices between good and bad. And there will be temptations to do things that are not God's way. So over this time, as we think about the power of the Spirit, let us pray that He takes hold of us, and leads us this year into a new and amazing place of growth that develops us personally deeply, so that communally we are so much richer for belonging together as His family.

Rev Natasha Thomas

Coming Up...

Bradford Pentecost Festival - Sunday 24th May, 2-4pm, City Park. (Leaving Saltaire train station at 1.02pm or Shipley at 13.05pm)

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 Day - 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 in church.

Refugee Week 15th - 21st June

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

The People's Emergency Briefing - Saturday 27th June, 7-9pm, St Peter's Church

SAVE THE DATE!

Licensing of Natasha as Interim Priest in Charge of St Paul's and Christchurch - **Saturday 4th July, 2-4pm**

Have your say - what do you want in a new Associate Priest?

Please complete the attached questionnaire, so that we can find out from as many people as possible what you think the priorities for the new priest for the three parishes should be. There are also copies at the back of church. Thanks.

NO 11.15am service this week! Join the 9.30!

This 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. Natasha will be catching the 13.05 from Shipley, and happy to give anyone a lift to the station. Just text 0778707221.

Fern Hill Family Open Day
Saturday 6th June
10am - 12 noon
(Bowling Club also welcomes visitors 1-4pm)

Fern Hill Road, Shipley BD18 4SN
Entrance opposite Jim Laker Place

- Fun FREE activities for all ages
- Try tennis, table tennis & bowls
- Games, craft & nature activities
- Airedale & Bradford RSPB group
- 3rd Shipley Cubs stalls
- Light Refreshments (PAYF)

For more info email: office@stpetes.org.uk

Would anyone like to organise a film for Refugee Week?

The week runs from 15th - 21st June. Shipley Council have been in touch to see if we would like to host a film or other activity. There are a couple of meetings scheduled to share ideas as to what could happen in Shipley. If you would like to attend, please let Natasha know as she would love us to support this if we can. Feel free to drop into either meeting:

Wednesday 27th May, 11am - 12pm

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/394997374670596?p=pQ1dtDfW&vtQADpWa4>

Monday 1st June, 1.15pm - 2.15pm

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/343379654076920?p=vOSqX9Dr29NFaRksSS>

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.



SAFEGUARDING

For safeguarding concerns please email our safeguarding officer:
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PASTORAL SUPPORT

For prayer or support, please email:
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Prayers for Others

Please pray for those we know who are recovering from being in hospital as well as those who grieve the loss of their loved ones, particularly the family and friends of Ann Mainman.

Rydal Hall

Bunk House Places Available!

We still have around 10 beds available in the bunk house at Rydal Hall, 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!