



ST PETER'S



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 31st May

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

Sunday 7th June

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

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THEME



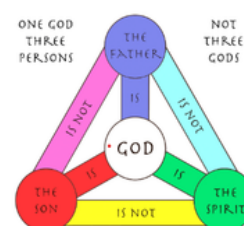
THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

This week I had the joy of spending the night and day at Parceval Hall a thank you for leading communion, but what a blessing it was to be there when the sun was shining and the gardens were entering their glory. What I noticed about the garden was how it always seems to be in a state of becoming. No sooner have some flowers bloomed, have others started to wilt and die, whilst others are still only just forming buds. The gardeners have a huge job at maintaining the order and the constant growth of grass and weeds. They were working non-stop - mowing, trimming, watering... When things grow, they change and so the gardeners need to keep shaping, so that they can be transformed to the benefit of the whole garden. One plant could so easily dwarf another - block the light, stunt its growth. No wonder Jesus used nature as his metaphors. We too need to be constantly shaped and supported so that we can share the love of God that we hold dear in our hearts.

That morning I gave a talk on 1 Peter 1:10-17. He was writing a letter of encouragement so that they stayed focused on the good news of Jesus despite the persecution and exclusion from the community in which they live. Peter wants them to understand that in their waiting for God's return, life will be hard but in time the order of things will be revealed. Transformation on earth will happen. God's kingdom will come. He writes "Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed... as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct".

This is true still for us. We need to keep working at doing good. We need to keep cultivating ourselves, so that we can be holy as Jesus was holy. Acting in the way Jesus showed us. But we can only do that if we know who Jesus is. If we understand how He is God the creator, all powerful. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Trinity. An area of theology that causes lots of discussions and confusion, partly I think because we want to pin the thinking down... but I don't think my brain can ever understand God fully. I think the one thing that I do understand is that if we believe that God is a God of love, He couldn't love without there being someone to love, and that in the very beginning He already understood love and sharing and being with another. That love overflowed into making creation, and us human beings in His image. His creation did not come about because He needed people to do things / to worship Him.

Instead, we're created because of who He is - Love. As 1 John 4 (7-8) says "Let us love one another. For love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love, does not know God because God is love. To help us love as the Father loves, we were shown the actions of Jesus, and then to help us to grow more in love and knowledge of the Father, we are given the Spirit to work in us and through us. God is the outflowing of goodness, kindness, patience, peace, joy, and love. So knowing and believing this, changes everything in the way that we see the world. It changes our hearts and minds towards others, because we can start to love as God loves. We can start to see the beauty in the garden of our lives.



Rev Natasha

Coming Up...

Wrestling Church - Friday 29th May, 6.30pm.

Help Shape our Churches: Congregation & Leadership Gathering - Sunday 31st May, 12.30-4pm, St Peter's Church (Pete's Eats - 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 Family Open Day - Saturday 6th June, 10am-12pm. Contact Jackie Loach if you can help on the day.

Gardening Afternoon - Saturday 6th June, 2pm

Forest Church - Sunday 7th June, 2pm, Hirst Wood

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

Refugee Week 15th - 21st June

Uniformed Groups Service - Monday 15th June, 6pm

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. 45-minute film about the impact of climate change in the UK, followed by discussion. Sign up [here](#) or via the QR code.



SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

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

Fern Hill Road, Shingley 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 Shingley Cubs stalls
- Light Refreshments (PAYF)

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

Gardening Afternoon

Saturday 6th June, 2pm

Jobs for any skill or ability. BYO gloves and tools. Tea and biscuits provided.

Volunteers Needed for

Prayer Ministry for Wrestling Church - 6.30pm on Friday!

Help Shape our Churches: Congregation & Leadership Gathering

Please join this meeting, even if you haven't attended the others, for an opportunity to share ideas and thoughts about what church life might look like. This Sunday after the service with a Bring & Share Lunch.

Get involved in Refugee Week in Shingley!

Shingley Town Council have been in touch to see if we would like to host a film or other activity during Refugee Week (15th - 21st June). If you would like to attend a meeting to share ideas as to what could happen in Shingley, please let Natasha know as she would love us to support this if we can.

Feel free to attend this meeting: **Monday 1st June, 1.15pm - 2.15pm**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/343379654076920?p=vOSqx9Dr29NFaRksSS>

Eco Tips

Take a breath and notice nature this June!

The Wildlife Trusts - 30 Days Wild is the UK's biggest nature challenge. This June, choose one wild thing a day (or a few each week) - from giving nature a helping hand to simply noticing wildlife on your doorstep. Sign up [here](#) to receive your free pack.

Rydal Hall

Bunk House Beds Available!

10-12th July, 2026

Do not miss out on the opportunity to gather socially to pray, to worship, have fun and to seek together God's abundance in Shingley! Contact the office for more info / to sign up.

Prayers for Others

Please pray for Barbara Lehane who is in the last stages of life in the BRI. Pray particularly for her son Andrew. Please also pray for those recovering from being in hospital, particularly Gill.

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 30th May, 10am**
<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/72862156359?pwd=s8n7V24GHZbTiBxhMVotkO6oky2oqo.1>
Meeting ID: 728 6215 6359 **Passcode: hello**