



# ST PETER'S



## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am All-In Service with HC  
11.15am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Holy Communion

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## THEME



## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Mark 12:32-34

Giving...this can feel a tricky reflection to write, because I believe that each one of us are called to give our lives and our things to God sacrificially as we live our lives trying to be more like Jesus. Giving is not just about giving to church but also to other causes. It is not just about giving financially but also about how we share our time and things. In the end it is all about our heart. This is what God looks to and knows. As the passage from Mark exemplifies when the scribe questions Jesus about the greatest commandment. If we do not act out of love for God or our neighbour our deeds are like “A resounding gong!” (1Cor. 13) when we give - all the sacrifices of things or the amount we give in the end makes no difference to God if our hearts are not in it or we give these things for other reasons rather than being about honouring God.

Therefore this week, I want us to be challenged to think about what we give, and whether it is what God is calling us to give in our time, our things and our money. On Sunday, there will be a flier available outlining how we at St Peter's spend the money that is given to us and raised through rentals from the building. From this information you will see that it costs us £27 a week per

person to run the church with all our overheads. This is a lot of money and we are not excessive in our spending and try to get grants where we can! But it does leave us with an ever widening gap between income and spend.

As Christians we give sacrificially - called to carry our personal cross and so I ask if you could consider increasing your giving to what you feel is right. I absolutely do not want anyone to feel guilty about what they are giving. This is between you and God, and it is also what God is putting on your heart to give to - which might be to another charity or organisation. God loves us and wants us to honour him, through the way that we live. It is interesting that the Bible passage that has come up for me this week one from 1 Chronicles 29. David has in his heart to build a temple to place the tabernacle in, handing the work onto Solomon, he gives him the visions and dreams and significant resources of gold and jewels and wealth. He as the leader gives and asks the other leaders to also give as examples - I hope you see that this is what we do here, because we want to be able to offer:

“Praise to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name”.

*Rev Natasha*

## Coming Up...

**Fern Hill Family Open Day** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 10am-12pm, Fern Hill Road

**Gardening Afternoon** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm

**Forest Church** - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm, Hirst Wood

**Connecting Faith Conversations** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church

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

**Refugee Week: Nation of Neighbours** - 3 x short films - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, drop in 10.30am-2.30pm, Shipleigh Library

**Uniformed Groups Service** - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm

**BREATHE** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 6.30pm, St Paul's Church

**Wrestling Church** - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm.

**The People's Emergency Briefing** - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7-9pm, St Peter's Church. 45minute film about the impact of climate change in the UK, followed by discussion. Sign up [here](#) or via the QR code.



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

**Live@AvondaleClub** - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30-9.30pm, The Avondale Club. An evening of music with Sweet Sorrows. (Pay as you feel)

### SAVE THE DATE!

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



## What do you think?

We will be creating this mosaic to represent our Christian faith, which will then be publically displayed in Shipleigh. Please let Natasha have your thoughts, and please let her know if you want to be part of making it.

## Gardening Afternoon

**Saturday 6th June, 2pm** - Jobs for any skill or ability! BYO gloves and tools. Tea and biscuits provided.



## Fern Hill Family Open Day

**Saturday 6th June**  
**10am - 12 noon**  
(Bowling Club also welcomes visitors 1-4pm)

**Fern Hill Road, Shipleigh 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Shipleigh Cubs stalls
- Light Refreshments (PAYF)



## Eco Tips

If you have unwanted clothes or household items but can't easily get them to a charity shop, some organisations do roadside collections, for example <https://anglodoorstepcollections.co.uk/> who partner with charities, so money raised goes to good causes.

## Rydal Hall

**Bunk House Beds Available!**  
**10-12th July, 2026**

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

### 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 the family of Barbara Lehane after Barbara passed away last week. Pray particularly for her son Andrew. Details of Barbara's funeral will follow shortly.



## Forest Church

Connecting with God through creation

**SUNDAY 7TH JUNE, 2-3PM**  
**HIRST WOOD (NEW VENUE!)**

CHILDREN AGED 2-10 YRS,  
ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT, WELCOME



Just turn up at the entrance gate!