



ST PETER'S



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 14th June

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

Sunday 21st June

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11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm BREATHE @ St Paul's

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THEME

Being Sent...

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” *Matthew 9:35-37*

When I first reflected on the passage from Matthew 9:35 - 10:23 (of which we only have a few verses here), I had thought it was very much about going out. The disciples are selected and told how to behave, what to take and how to respond to God's power of the holy spirit. But what strikes me this time is that Jesus recognises that he needs his team to learn how to do the work that he has been doing. And then He sends the disciples out. There doesn't seem to be a choice. He tells them that he is sending them out like sheep into the midst of wolves. He knows that the task in front of them is not an easy one. That in this task they will face real challenges.

Being a follower of Jesus is not necessarily to choose the easy way, because He will ask us to follow him, and to do things that are really hard. Things that will test us and our resolve. And yet Jesus sends his 12 disciples out into the world with the blessing of His authority to be able to cast out spirits, and to be able to cure ever illness and to proclaim the power of God. He does not keep them safe under his care. So what is it that prompts him to do this? It is His compassion for the people because they were harassed and helpless. He

wants the people to know the hope of the kingdom on earth. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few... and it is at this point that we often get stuck. This is where we think hang-on, there is no way we can do so much, there are not enough of us, we better wait until we are a few more, perhaps younger ones who can do the work... but what does Jesus tell us to do? He tells us to ask the Lord to send out worker's into the field.

We do not have to worry about doing these things on our own. If we take that first step out to do the things that God puts on our hearts then we will be blessed - others will join us. Things grow. When I was at Keighley, there were only 3 of us who determined to support the homeless and alcoholics through a weekly service and meal. I was told that there was no way we could manage, as so many people were already too stretched to manage. But we gave it a go anyway! So with scowls and grumbles, we started in 2021 and it continues today, with an evening service happening every week that includes a warm meal. Grubs Up is supported by people who previously had not been involved in things. The church now has a service where approx. 30-40 people attend who had never been in church previously. Let us trust God. Let us trust that He will provide us with the things we need. Let us never restrict God's ambition to have compassion on His people, to reach out and share the hope and love of Christ, that we have been given.

Rev Natasha



Coming Up...

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

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

Uniformed Groups Service - Monday 15th June, 6pm

BREATHE - Sunday 21st June, 6.30pm, St Paul's Church

Wrestling Church - Friday 26th June, 6.30pm. PRAYERS WANTED.

The People's Emergency Briefing -

Saturday 27th 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.

If you are able to bake for the People's Emergency Briefing, or assist at the event with tea and coffee or welcoming, please sign up or let Gemma or Jackie know.

Help Shape our Churches: Celebration Event & Bring & Share Lunch -

Sunday 28th June, 12.30-2pm, St Peter's Church

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

Iconic Places of Faith Tour - FREE!

Tuesday 30th June, 9am-4pm. Travel by bus to five places of faith: Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Shree Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Masjid Umar Gillington, St Paul's Church, Shipleigh and Bradford Synagogue. Pre-booking essential via: safer.communities@bradford.gov.uk.

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

Thank you for your comments!

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



Welcome Space

As many of our Welcome Space volunteers will be attending our weekend away at Rydal Hall, we regret that we will be unable to run Welcome Space on Friday 10th July. We will be back on Friday 17th July!

Worship at Rydal Hall

We would love to hear from anyone who is willing to contribute to our worship at Rydal Hall. Please come along to a planning session / rehearsal at St Paul's Church on Thursday 2nd July at 7.30pm.

Please let Viv know if you are interested but not able to attend. Thanks.

Natasha's Licensing at St Paul's and Christchurch

As we begin our journey in earnest, exploring what one parish of Shipleigh might look like, Natasha will be licensed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of both St Paul's and Christchurch. We hope that as many people as possible will come with Bishop Toby and Rev Natasha on the journey of travelling between the three churches on **Saturday 4th July**, starting at St Peter's at 2pm, before travelling to St Paul's and then finishing with a cream tea at Christchurch in Windhill.

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 13th June, 10am** <https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/72862156359?pwd=s8n7V24GHZbTiBxhMVotkO6oky2oqo.1>
Passcode: hello

Prayers for Others

Please pray for those who are recently bereaved. Particularly the family of Barbara Lehane - her funeral will be at St Peter's Church on 2nd July at 1.15pm. Please also pray for the family of Alicia Magyar who died suddenly last week and whose funeral will be at Shay Grange on 6th July at 1.30pm.

Please note that Natasha will be on holiday between 20th June - 2nd July

Fern Hill Open Day

Thank you to everyone who came to our Fern Hill Open Day. We had about 100 adults & 40 children visit despite the rain, many from the local community. Especial thanks to Bowls, Tennis and Scouts & Cubs for having the site looking so good, their hospitality and fun activities, the RSPB, photography club and to those of you who volunteered to steward, help out & chat with our visitors. If you missed it, have a look on our [Facebook page](#).

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.