



# ST PETER'S



## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

11.15am Holy Communion

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## THEME

Come to me  
all those  
who are  
weary...



## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Holidays are wonderful things! I had such a wonderful time away - even our eventful journey home was blessed with good conversations and a feeling that community can be built in the strangest of circumstances! A change of pace, reading different books and just being still, soaking up sun and sea air was so restorative. What was also so wonderful was the sense that we as a family were really being held up in prayer - so thank you. This time away has given me a bit of space to breathe God in deeply as we begin a new journey together. I know I was feeling weary before I went away (just noticing the tornado sign from last week's newsletter suggests I was feeling a bit

melodramatic!) Our holiday, has allowed me to hand a lot of 'things' over to God and to not worry about the things that are out of our control. I have faith that God has called me to this place for this time, and so it begins with Saturday when I am licensed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of St Paul's and Christchurch - 8 years almost to the day from when I was first ordained! Saturday starts physically with a journey as we travel between the three churches starting at St Peter's, then to St Paul's and then finishing at Christchurch with a cream tea! As part of this service Bishop Toby will ask the following things of me:

“Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?” to which I will reply “I do”

“Are you willing to commit yourself to this new responsibility?” to which I reply “With the help of God I am.”

Then the Bishop will ask you:

“Will you care for Natasha and **support** her in her ministry among you?” To which you will reply “With the help of God we will”.

These are significant questions and are part of God's calling for all of us, as we seek to honour and worship Him and seek to build up His church. Church is all about relationships - our relationship with God, and our relationship with one another. The Church is nothing without a relationship that is based on love and kindness. And to do that means we are to rely on Him to help us, do things that He is calling us to. Following Jesus is not about taking the easy road. Rather it is the narrow one. The one that enables us to love and forgive and to be reconciled because we know a God who loves and forgives and reconciles us to Him.

I pray that each of us are able to find the time and space to let go of the burdens we carry and place them with Jesus, who is gentle and never looks at us with judgement because as Jesus declares in John 8 “I am the light of the world. whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life”.

Rev Natasha Thomas

## Coming Up...

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

**Faiths Connect** - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July,  
7.30pm at Majid Ayesha, 1 Thornacre  
Rd, BD18 1JY

**Churches Weekend Away** - 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July

**Mosaic Making** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July,  
10.30am-3pm & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2-4pm

**Messy Church** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm

**BREATHE** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm,  
Christchurch, Windhill

**Live@AvondaleClub** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July,  
6.30pm, The Avondale Club. An evening  
of music with Rob Cordner. (Pay as you  
feel)

**Wrestling Church** - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July,  
6.30pm. PRAYERS WANTED.

## Men's Bowls Evening

Join us on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm, St Peter's Bowls Club** for a pie and pea supper. Please invite friends and bring your own alcoholic drinks. Pay as you feel evening with all donations to the Bowls Club. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the back of church or email Martin Forbes (martinrforbes@gmail.com) by 12<sup>th</sup> August. Please also let him know if you would like a vegetarian option.

## Family Fun & Games Day

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 11am-3pm**  
**Wycliffe Green**  
Games, cake stall & table-top sales.

## Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in Church

Join Sophie and Theo any morning at 8am or evening at 5pm in the Hope Chapel for morning prayer and compline.

### 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

## Welcome Space

Due our Churches Weekend Away, there will be no Welcome Space on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We will be back on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July!**

### Faiths Connect

#### Living Faith in a Diverse Society

Join us for our last discussion this term. Hearing both Christian and Muslim perspectives around important topics. There will be a family fun day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 12-3pm in Shipley Market and then we hope to resume a new series in September, so watch this space!



If you would like to make the mosaic, this will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 10am-3pm and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2-4pm at St Peter's Church.

## Eco Tips

Sign up for the **Climate Change: Cultural Perspectives and Shipley Action** event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 10.15am - 2pm at the Kirkgate Centre, shipley. A chance to meet with local faith and community groups to share ideas about how we can tackle the climate emergency together.

Lunch included! Register here:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1D8YQg6DYK/>

## Bible Stall Volunteers Urgently Needed!

If you are interested in helping out once or twice a month, why not visit us at Shipley Market Place for a chat? We are there every second Monday, 10am - 12 noon. The next dates will be 6<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> July. Alternatively, please get in touch with Euan at Christchurch, Windhill.

Please let the office know if you can offer a lift or if you need a lift to Rydal Hall next Friday.



## Natasha's Licensing at St Paul's and Christchurch

As we begin our journey in earnest, exploring what one parish of Shipley 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 10am**. This will be our last online prayer session until September, please join us if you are free.

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/75854229755?pwd=CFOiZUW9c2jghJBvAGQubc3cPDPm7y.1>

**Meeting ID: 758 5422 9755**

**Passcode: hello**

## Prayers for Others

Please pray for those who are recently bereaved. Particularly for the family of Barbara Lehane. Please also pray for the family of Alicia Magyar whose funeral will be held at Shay Grange on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.