

# St Peter's Church, Bishopsworth



***Focused on Christ, caring for  
each other and serving the community***

## *Spiritual Reflection for October*

*The seasons have changed and Summer has become Autumn with colder weather and shorter days; violent weather in various parts of the world has changed whole communities, and even ended some lives; violent events have changed the political life and future of Afghanistan; the Covid pandemic has caused change, suffering and loss across the world.*

*We could be forgiven for feeling discouraged and fearful, except that Jesus is the same, today, yesterday and forever. He has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' He also says we will always have troubles, but we never need to face them alone.*

*With Jesus beside us there are always new beginnings, every day can be a new beginning, and this month we begin monthly Messy Church sessions on the first Saturday morning of each month. We pray that regardless of any negative changes, God will bless this outreach, and that it will become a source of fun and fellowship and a growing relationship with God for many children and adults in our area.*

*Lesley Hooper.*



## Services this week

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10:30am Morning Worship</b> Our Sunday School, Sparclers, will run during this Service. This Service will take place in Church and will be live streamed via <a href="#">YouTube</a> , <a href="#">Facebook</a> & <a href="#">website</a> .
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9:30am Holy Communion</b> Followed by coffee morning in the Church hall.

## News

As per Gov and Church of England recommendations, we encourage you to wear a face mask in the Church building apart from when eating/drinking.

It was wonderful to welcome so many people into the Church for the **craft fair** on the 9th October. £158 was raised from the sale of coffee, tea & cakes. Special thanks to those that supplied cakes and to those working hard serving refreshments!

**Mick's licensing as an LLM** is taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October in Bristol Cathedral at 10.30am. If you would like to attend please sign up at the back of Church.

This year we are supporting **Link to Hope** to create shoeboxes of essential items and treats for some of the most vulnerable people in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine. There are forms available at the back of Church or you can download copies here: <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2021/shoebox-registration-2021/shoebox-options/packing-a-link-to-hope-shoebox> Shoeboxes need to be returned to Church by the end of October.

We continue to support **Carpenter's Food Bank**. Please find current food requests here: <https://www.facebook.com/withywoodcentre>. There is a collection point at the back of Church where items can be left.

## Prayer Diary (10<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> October)

*“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:6*

<b>SUN</b>	<i>Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.</i>
<b>MON</b>	Pray for all the staff working at the Ark that they may work cheerfully and effectively together.
<b>TUE</b>	Remember those who share in the Tuesday Coffee morning that they will enjoy their time together and that friendships will grow and flourish.
<b>WED</b>	Think of those in our congregation who may be sick, suffering or going through difficult times and lift them up to the Lord asking for help, comfort and healing
<b>THU</b>	Many families in our country suffer from food poverty. Give thanks for the work of the Food Banks and other organisations who are working to combat this problem, especially our local Withywood Food Bank.
<b>FRI</b>	Pray for parents who have lost a child and still grieve the loss of a beloved son or daughter.
<b>SAT</b>	Remember Mick and all the others who are being licensed as Lay Ministers today at Bristol Cathedral. May they find great joy and fulfilment in their future ministries.

### Services next week

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10:30am Family Service with Baptism</b> This Service will take place in Church and will be live streamed via <a href="#">YouTube</a> , <a href="#">Facebook</a> & <a href="#">website</a> .
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9:30am Holy Communion</b> Followed by coffee morning in the Church hall.

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