

# St Peter's Church, Bishopsworth



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

## **Spiritual Reflection for January from Rev Tim Godden**

*I am writing this in the middle of December as the Omicron variant of Covid begins to take hold and restrictions are being re-imposed. There is uncertainty about Christmas and even as you read this in January it is likely that uncertain weeks will still lie ahead. For some of us it may trigger memories of this time last year and we may perhaps think that it feels a bit like Groundhog Day.*

*On a broader perspective as we enter a New Year I wonder what your reflections are on the past year and your thoughts about the coming year. Does New Year elicit a feeling of Groundhog Day, a cycle of life simply repeated year after year ? Sometimes it can feel like that particularly in the present climate.*

*The challenge for all of us in this, and I include myself, is `Can we see God at work in my life, and in the world, even in the midst of our difficulties ?` What `new thing` may God have done for you last year which may have perhaps been missed at the time but with some hindsight can now begin to be seen ? And as we enter a New Year what would be your prayer for yourself and others to see God at work in a new way in our lives ?*

### **Services this week**

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10:30am Morning Worship</b> <i>This Service will take place in the Church building and will also be live streamed and shared online via <a href="#">YouTube</a>, <a href="#">Facebook</a> &amp; <a href="#">website</a>. <b><i>Our Sunday School group, Sparclers, will run during this Service.</i></b></i>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30am Holy Communion</b> <i>Followed by Coffee Morning in the Church Hall at 10am.</i>

## News

We hope that everyone has had a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. It was wonderful to celebrate Christ's birth with so many of you in person and online and a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to those services.



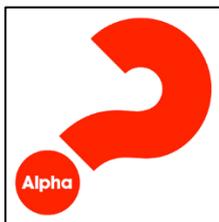
As per Government and Church of England recommendations, we strongly encourage you to wear a face mask in the Church building apart from when eating/drinking.

You can download the January Prayer Diary here:

<https://stpetersbishopswoth.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2022/01/January-2022-Prayer-Diary.pdf>

The Ark Soft Play Centre and Café is open! To book a session please click here:

<https://bookwhen.com/stpetersarc>



We will be running an online Alpha course starting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. If you are interested in finding out more you can watch a short promotional video here:

[https://youtu.be/fViYK\\_Xb3Wg](https://youtu.be/fViYK_Xb3Wg) and to register your interest in taking part please send an email to [info@stpetersbishopswoth.co.uk](mailto:info@stpetersbishopswoth.co.uk).

The next Messy Church takes place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 10am-midday. We look forward to seeing you there!



There is a collection point at the back of Church for **Carpenter's Food Bank**. Food requests can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/withywoodcentre>.

## Prayer Diary (9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January)

<b>SUN</b>	<i>Baptism of Christ. Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.</i>
<b>MON</b>	Pray for our Leadership team. May they always know God's wisdom and guidance in all their discussions and plans.
<b>TUE</b>	Remember all those who regularly attend our Coffee Morning in the hall and thank God for all the good fellowship they enjoy.
<b>WED</b>	Pray for Sandra and all the team who welcome families to Coffee Pot week by week. We pray that many good relationships will be formed.
<b>THURS</b>	Many children are adversely affected by online bullying and any damaging material they may access via social media, such as pornography or violence. Ask God to keep our children safe online and help us to teach them safe ways to enjoy the benefits of modern technology.
<b>FRI</b>	Pray for Dan Norris, our Regional Mayor. May God give him wisdom to make good decisions regarding plans for the future of our region.
<b>SAT</b>	Many times in the bible we are told not to be afraid. Lift up to the Lord any areas in your life where you are worried or fearful.

### Services next week

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10:30am Holy Communion</b> <i>This Service will also be live streamed and shared online via <a href="#">YouTube</a>, <a href="#">Facebook</a> &amp; <a href="#">website</a>.</i>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30am Holy Communion</b> <i>Followed by Coffee Morning in the Church Hall at 10am.</i>

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