

# St Peter's Church Bishopsworth

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



## Spiritual Reflection for November

*As we begin to draw towards the close of another year November seems to be a time of reflection not just on the past year but times gone by. This is most obviously the case on Remembrance day, 11th November, when we remember all those who gave their lives in times of war that we might live in peace today. But it isn't just past conflicts we remember - the present day conflicts in Ukraine and as I write the looming danger in the Middle East are very much at the forefront of our minds and in our prayers. Whilst we are fortunate to live in peace in our country today Guy Fawkes night on 5th November is a reminder of past conflicts within our own country.*

*As well as remembering the hard times it is good to also reflect on our own lives and November is bookended in the Church's Calendar by two days that can help us do that. There is often a lot of focus on Halloween, the last day of October. The word Halloween literally means `All Hallows Eve` and as such marks the day before the Christian festival of All Saints Day when we don't just celebrate all the saints but we are also reminded that amazingly the Bible says that all Christians are saints in God's eyes.*

*The other bookend is the final Sunday of November known as `Christ the King` which perhaps a little bizarrely marks the end of the Church's year before a new Year begins the following Sunday with Advent Sunday. Christ the King reminds us that as well as being crucified, Jesus is risen, ascended and will ultimately reign as King.*

*As we remember this month those who have given their lives for us we also remember Jesus who gave his life for us so that we might enjoy eternal life with him.*

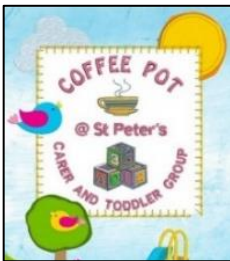
Rev Tim Godden

# What's on at St Peter's this week?

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10.30am Morning Worship with Baptisms</b> <i>Our Sunday School will run during this service.</i>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>9:30am Holy Communion 10am Coffee Morning in Church Hall</b>

## News

The Ark is a really important part of our Church mission to focus on Christ, care for each other and serve the community so please do pop by and support Mon-Sat!



If you are interested in joining our Wednesday morning toddler group **Coffee Pot** please complete the enquiry form available here:

<https://stpetersbishopswoth.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/10/2023Coffee-Pot-Enquiry-Form.docx>

**A huge thank you for all of the shoe boxes and donations for Link to Hope.** In conjunction with 11th Bristol scout group we have just sent 63 boxes. A brilliant effort, well done all!



We have recently launched our **Christmas Toy Appeal** to help families in need at our local school. If you would like to make a cash donation to the appeal please bring to Church on any Sunday throughout November. For more info please email [katiebiden@outlook.com](mailto:katiebiden@outlook.com)

Thank you to everyone who attended Messy Church on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. We had a fantastic morning looking at the theme of God's Grace through the story of the Prodigal Son. A special thank you to the Messy Church Team for all their hard work putting on this fabulous monthly service.



## Prayer Diary (12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Nov)

Download the Nov prayer diary here:

<https://stpetersbishopsworth.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/10/Prayer-Diary-November-2023.pdf>

<b>SUN</b>	Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
<b>MON</b>	Thank God for the many babies and children who have been baptised in our church. May each one have the opportunity and encouragement to grow in their life of faith.
<b>TUE</b>	Remember those in our church community who have lost their life partners and who still mourn their loss.
<b>WED</b>	Pray for all our PCC members who meet tonight to discuss our current church business. May God grant them unity of heart and mind and continuing enthusiasm for all our undertakings.
<b>THU</b>	Pray for our churchwardens Martin and Sam and thank God for their faithful commitment to the ongoing work of the church.
<b>FRI</b>	Pray that the Parish Giving Scheme will be widely taken up and that it will encourage regular planned giving among our church members.
<b>SAT</b>	Pray for the many areas of conflict around the world where there is hatred, destruction and bloodshed. Pray that civilian casualties may be minimised and ways to peace be found.

## Services next week

<b>Sunday</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10:30am Holy Communion</b> <i>Our Sunday School will run during this service.</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9:30am Holy Communion</b> <b>10am Coffee Morning in Church Hall</b>

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