

Today's Events



8.00am Holy Communion, **9.15am** Parish Eucharist

11am Informal Gathering

Church Diary

Monday 20th October: 11am Hampton Bible Study,
7pm Standing Committee Meeting,

Tuesday 21st October: 10am Holy Communion, 11am
The Point Cafe, 7.30pm Prayer Meeting.

Wednesday 22nd October: 1.30pm Safeguarding
Training, Thursday 23rd October: 9am BA School
Service, 7.30pm Alpha, Friday 24th October: 10am
Choir Practice, 12pm Funeral at the Vale of Elizabeth
Massey, 4pm Ashes Burial Rosalie Daubney.

Sunday 26th October 8am BCP, 9.15am Parish
Eucharist, 11am Informal Gathering.

Prayer List

Please join together in prayer for the below:

Mark Bartlett, Dave Cockram, Tina Cooper, Ella
Edgington, Colin Hemming, Ella Graves, Susan Temple
Murray, Helen Shepherd (Pat Bullman's daughter).

Prayers for the family/friends of the deceased:

Joan Broome, Wayne Edgington, Elizabeth Massey, John
Wilkes, Richard Higgs.

weekly sheet

18th Sunday after Trinity - 19th October 2025



St Peter's Church, Port St, Evesham.

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
 increase in us your gift of faith
 that, forsaking what lies behind
 and reaching out to that which is before,
 we may run the way of your commandments
 and win the crown of everlasting joy;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.



Reading

Esther 5:1-5:14 On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance. ² When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. ³ Then the king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you."

We Need You!

Since opening in March, The Point Café has become a warm and welcoming space where friendships grow over freshly brewed coffee and homemade cakes. Thanks to our amazing team of volunteers, the café has quickly become a vital part of our community — offering hospitality, conversation, and a gentle way for people to connect with church life.

But we need your help! There are lots of ways to get involved — serving, chatting with guests, helping in the kitchen, or supporting behind the scenes. You don't need to be a baker to make a big difference! And if you can't join in person, you can still bless the café by donating baking ingredients such as eggs or flour.

The café is more than just coffee and cake — it's a growing ministry that helps us reach those who might never otherwise step inside a church. Please consider how you might support this wonderful outreach. And even if volunteering isn't possible right now, your prayers for our team and visitors are deeply appreciated.

Interested? Please get in touch with the church office at hello@stpetersbengeworth.org or speak with Karen (Church Warden)





Notices



Safeguarding Training

We're pleased to confirm that Casey will be leading Safeguarding Training at St Peter's on Wednesday 22nd October, 1:30–4:15pm.

This session will cover both the Basic and Foundation Level modules, providing essential guidance to help us all create a safe and welcoming environment within our church and community.

Who should attend?

This training is highly recommended for:

- PCC members
- Crèche and Children's volunteers
- Anyone serving in a public-facing or team role
- Anyone in a position of responsibility
- Anyone who would like to be better informed about safeguarding

👉 Sign up online:

stpetersbengeworth.churchsuite.com/events/iagomtl2
Or call the church office on 07542 570921 to book your place.

⁴ "If it pleases the king," replied Esther, "let the king, together with Haman, come today to a banquet I have prepared for him."

⁵ "Bring Haman at once," the king said, "so that we may do what Esther asks." So the king and Haman went to the banquet Esther had prepared. ⁶ As they were drinking wine, the king again asked Esther, "Now what is your petition? It will be given you. And what is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted." ⁷ Esther replied, "My petition and my request is this: ⁸ If the king regards me with favor and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the banquet I will prepare for them. Then I will answer the king's question." ⁹ Haman went out that day happy and in high spirits. But when he saw Mordecai at the king's gate and observed that he neither rose nor showed fear in his presence, he was filled with rage against Mordecai. ¹⁰ Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home. Calling together his friends and Zeresh, his wife, ¹¹ Haman boasted to them about his vast wealth, his many sons, and all the ways the king had honored him and how he had elevated him above the other nobles and officials. ¹² "And that's not all," Haman added. "I'm the only person Queen Esther invited to accompany the king to the banquet she gave. And she has invited me along with the king tomorrow."

¹³ But all this gives me no satisfaction as long as I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate."

¹⁴ His wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Have a pole set up, reaching to a height of fifty cubits, and ask the king in the morning to have Mordecai impaled on it. Then go with the king to the banquet and enjoy yourself." This suggestion delighted Haman, and he had the pole set up.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

¹⁸ Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

Safeguarding: Our Safeguarding Officer is: Julie Rowell 07746 388 985, safeguarding@petersbengeworth.org. You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Hilary Highton on 07495 060 869. If you have concerns about the immediate safety of someone, please don't delay in dialling 999 and ask for the police.