

NOTICES

Alpha – Who Could You Invite?

A new Alpha course is starting on **Thursday 2nd February**. Alpha is a place to ask the big questions of life! It's a series of informal, free sessions exploring faith and meaning in today's world. There will be eight weekly sessions, with an away day at the end of the course. If you know someone who may like to come along, postcard invites will be available near to the church entrance. Alternatively, please forward potential guests a website link to sign up online at: stpetersbengeworth.org/alpha

Location: St Peter's Church **Date:** Thursday 2nd February **Time:** 7.30pm

Website Updates

The St Peter's website has undergone a few updates. The navigation menu now contains a '**What's On**' tab with details of regular church groups, including new pages for [Life Groups](#) and the [Choir](#).

Pew Sheets are also now available online. The '[Pew Sheet Archive](#)' is listed under the 'Information' tab and contains details of the weekly calendar, notices, and prayer list. *Please note: some sensitive information is redacted in the online version.* The website is still very much work in progress with further improvements in the pipeline.

For our Prayers this Week: For those who are sick, in special need or housebound.

Mark, Dave, Kate, Sylvia, John, Colin, Sigi, Pat, Anne, Thelma, Helen (Pat's daughter).

For the family and friends of those who have died: Ron, Leslie, Aileen, Doreen, Kevin (Abbey House), Matthew (Abbey House), Aileen, Margaret, Rosemary.



Today's Services and Events – Epiphany 3

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering: All Together Service

Gluten free Communion breads are available. Do please ask one of the welcomers or the Wardens if you require this.

The Church is fitted with a loop system. To use this, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Church Diary for the Week

- Tues 24th Jan - 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting
- Wed 25th Jan- 10:00am: Holy Communion
- Fri 27th Jan - 10.00am: Choir Practice

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 29th January

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering: Children's Groups

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:1–18

The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: ²“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” ³What do people gain from all their labours at which they toil under the sun? ⁴Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever. ⁵The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises. ⁶The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. ⁷All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again. ⁸All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing. ⁹What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰Is there anything of which one can say, “Look! This is something new”? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time. ¹¹No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them. ¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! ¹⁴I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. ¹⁵What is crooked cannot be straightened; what is lacking cannot be counted. ¹⁶I said to myself, “Look, I have increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem before me; I have experienced much of wisdom and knowledge.” ¹⁷Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind. ¹⁸For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12–23

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Post Communion:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

