

NOTICES

Alpha – Who Could You Invite? A new Alpha course is starting on **Thursday 2nd February**. Postcard invites are available near to the church entrance. Alternatively, please visit the church website to sign up online.

Renewal Project Feedback Report: A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Renewal Project feedback sessions! Digital copies have been sent to the mailing list. Paper copies are available in church.

Primary Bible Translation: After consultation with the PCC, the primary Bible translation now being used for church services is the NIV (New International Version). This has a broader reading age than the NSRV and is more accessible to a wider audience.

Social Media Updates: Did you know St Peter's is on YouTube? We've just uploaded a new video about the upcoming Alpha course. Find us @stpetersbengeworth. We also have a new Facebook page! Please follow for regular updates about church events. **Social media links can be found on the church website.**

Reusable Cups: You are welcome to bring your reusable coffee/teacups to use in church on Sundays. We will happily fill these up for you onsite. This will help the church to be more sustainable and cut down on waste.

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: Leslie, Ron, Aileen, Kevin (Abbey House), Matthew (Abbey House), Rita, Aileen, Rosemary, Doreen, Margaret.

 **St Peter's
Bengeworth**
Sunday 29th January 2023



Today's Services and Events – Epiphany 4

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

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 31st Jan - 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting
- Wed 1st Feb - 10:00am: Holy Communion
- Thurs 2nd Feb - 7.30pm: Alpha
- Fri 3rd Feb - 10.00am: Choir Practice
- Fri 3rd Feb - 11.00am: Church Cleaning
- Fri 3rd Feb - 1.00pm: Funeral at the Vale (Rita Griffin)

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 5th February

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

Collect:

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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: Hebrews 2:14–18

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:32–42

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ “*Abba*, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

Post Communion:

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

