

## Today's Events



**8.00am** BCP Gathering **10am** Joint Gathering at Church House **10.30am** RBL Service in the main church building.

## Church Diary

**Monday 18th November** 11am Hampton Bible Study, 7pm PCC Meeting

**Tuesday 19th November:** 10am Holy Communion, 7.30pm Prayer Meeting

**Thursday 21st November** 7.30pm Alpha

**Friday 22nd November:** 10am Choir Practice

**Sunday 24th November:** 8am BCP Gathering, 10am Joint Gathering at Church House, 10.30am RBL Service in the main church building

**Safeguarding:** Our Safeguarding Officer is: Julie Rowell 07746 388 985, [safeguarding@stpetersbengeworth.org](mailto:safeguarding@stpetersbengeworth.org). You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Hilary Higton 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.

# weekly sheet

Third Sunday before Advent - 17th November 2024



**St Peter's Church, Port St, Evesham.**

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## Collect

Almighty Heavenly Father,  
 whose blessed Son was revealed  
 to destroy the works of the devil  
 and to make us the children of God and heirs of  
 eternal life:  
 grant that we, having this hope,  
 may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
 that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
 we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious  
 kingdom;  
 where he is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.



## Reading

### Judges 7:1-7

**1** Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. **2** The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.'

## Creche Area

As you may have seen, the new creche area is under construction, and will be open to all babies and pre-schoolers from Sunday 24th November!



### Toy Donations

Thank you to those of you who have already offered toys for this new venture.



Should you have anything still in really good condition that could be useful for this new ministry, please speak with Debbie Smith.  
 The team will assess what we have been given, use what we feel is helpful and give anything not needed to charity.

### Prayer Request

Please pray for the children & youth ministry at St Peter's, that it would not only support those already attending the church, but that it would also be a blessing to visitors and the community.



### Could you volunteer?

Please contact Julie (Youth & Children's Worker) if you would be interested in volunteering to help with children's activities at St Peter's.



# Notices

## Baptism Celebration

**Sunday 24th November**

We're so excited to announce that we'll be conducting baptisms at church on Sunday 24th November!

The baptisms will be taking place at both the 9.15am and 11am services. It would be wonderful if any of you would like to come along to both services to support those involved.

We've hired a baptism pool for the day, and several members of our St Peter's family will be taking this wonderful step in their faith journey.

Baptisms are always such a joyful time, and we can't wait to celebrate together!

If you've been thinking about baptism or want to explore what it means, we'd love to chat with you! Drop Andy a message at [andy@stpetersbengeworth.org](mailto:andy@stpetersbengeworth.org).



**3** Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

**4** But the Lord said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

**5** So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink." **6** Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

**7** The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home."



## Gospel Reading

### Mark 13:1-8

**1** As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

**2** "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

**3** As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, **4** "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

**5** Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. **6** Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. **7** When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. **8** Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.



## Prayer List

**For those who are sick, in special need or housebound:**  
Mark Bartlett, Dave Cockram, Colin Hemming, Wayne and Ella Edgington, Ella Graves, Susan Temple Murray, Ian Phillips, Eileen Pieters, Helen Shepherd (Pat Bullman's daughter), Sally Hutchins



**For the family and friends of those who have died:**

## Post Communion

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

