ST PETER'S CHURCH, OLD WOKING

Parish of St Peter Woking St Peter's · St Mark's · All Souls'

All-age Harvest Worship with Baptism of Evelyn Vera Alice Bobbett Sunday 12 October 2025

Welcome

God of abundance, God of fruitfulness,
God of generosity, God of love beyond measure.
God of extravagance, God of celebration,
God of goodness, God of love beyond imagining.

All: We gather bringing the best that we can offer to give thanks for the good things you give us to share your generosity with others and to commit ourselves to justice.

Hymn 732 We plough the fields and scatter (during which Harvest goods are brought up)

Confession

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

God has blessed us, but still God's children go hungry. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

God has blessed us, but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



BAPTISM

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for Evelyn who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church. So I ask you all: Will you support Evelyn as she begins her journey of faith?

All: We will.

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?

All: We will.

Questions for Parents and Godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak for Evelyn today. Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

We will.

We thank God for Evelyn who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church. Will you support her on her journey of faith?

We will.

Decision (parents and godparents)

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Signing with the cross

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

All: Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: Amen.

Prayer over the water (candidates, parents, godparents move to the font)
Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All: who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Heavenly Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him. Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that as *Evelyn is* baptised in it *she* may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that *she is* loved as your *child*, safe in Christ for ever.

All: Amen.

Profession of faith

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptism

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The parents and godparents are invited to make the sign of the cross on the child and say a prayer for them.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All: Amen.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for this child and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Evelyn, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Hymn Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful...

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
(repeat)

'Cause all my life You have been faithful...

Activity

Bible readings Luke 12: 13-21 - Video 2 Corinthians 8: 10-15

Talk

<u>Inspiration</u> **153 For the fruits of his creation**

10 All around me Lord

Offering For the ministry of St Peter's.

<u>Prayers</u>

Lord of the harvest.

All Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

Notices

Presentation of a Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father

Hymn 445 Lord the light of your love is shining

Blessing

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**



God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord All In the name of Christ, Amen

Please stay for refreshments after the service at the church centre and join us for Harvest Lunch

