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## bishop

[bish-uh p]

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noun

1.

a person who supervises a number of local churches or a diocese, being in the Greek, Roman Catholic, Anglican, and other churches a member of the highest order of the ministry.

2.

a spiritual supervisor, overseer, or the like.

3.

Chess. one of two pieces of the same color that may be moved any unobstructed distance diagonally, one on white squares and the other on black.

4.

a hot drink made of port wine, oranges, cloves, etc.

5.

Also called bishop bird. any of several colorful African weaverbirds of the genus *Euplectes*, often kept as pets.

verb (used with object), bishoped, bishoping.

6.

to appoint to the office of bishop.

Origin of bishop

[Middle English](#)

[Old English](#)

[Late Latin](#)

[Greek](#)

900

before 900; Middle English; Old English bisc (e) op < Vulgar Latin \*ebiscopus, for Late Latin episcopus < Greek episkopos overseer, equivalent to epi- [epi-](#) + skopós watcher; see [scope](#)

Related forms

bishopless, adjective

bishoplike, adjective

underbishop, noun

# Bishop

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noun

1.

Elizabeth, 1911–79, U.S. poet.

2.

Hazel (Gladys) 1906–1998, U.S. chemist and businesswoman.

3.

John Peale, 1892–1944, U.S. poet and essayist.

4.

Morris (Gilbert) 1893–1973, U.S. humorist, poet, and biographer.

5.

William Avery ("Billy") 1894–1956, Canadian aviator: helped to establish Canadian air force.

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- Well, we are going to pick back up, and the next time you see *bishop* there will be a major action happening.

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- Well, we left off with *bishop* on the soccer field, and Kalinda had her proverbial back against the wall.

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- And *bishop*, Colossus, Warpath, Blink, Sunspot, Quiksilver, Stryker and Havoc will all be there too.

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British Dictionary definitions for bishop

## bishop

/'bɪʃəp/

noun

1.

(in the Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Greek Orthodox Churches) a clergyman having spiritual and administrative powers over a diocese or province of the Church See also [suffragan](#) related adjective episcopal

2.

(in some Protestant Churches) a spiritual overseer of a local church or a number of churches

3.

a chesspiece, capable of moving diagonally over any number of unoccupied squares of the same colour

4.

mulled wine, usually port, spiced with oranges, cloves, etc

Word Origin

Old English *biscop*, from Late Latin *epīscopus*, from Greek *episkopos*, from *epi-* + *skopos* watcher

## Bishop

*/ˈbɪʃəp/*

noun

1.

Elizabeth. 1911–79, US poet, who lived in Brazil. Her poetry reflects her travelling experience, esp in the tropics

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Word Origin and History for *bishop*

n.

Old English *bisceop* "bishop, high priest (Jewish or pagan)," from Late Latin *episcopus*, from Greek *episkopos* "watcher, overseer," a title for various government officials, later taken over in a Church sense, from *epi-* "over" (see [epi-](#)) + *skopos* "watcher," from *skeptesthai* "look at" (see [scope](#) (n.1)). Given a specific sense in the Church, but the word also was used in the New Testament as a descriptive title for elders, and continues as such in some non-hierarchical Christian sects.

A curious example of word-change, as effected by the genius of different tongues, is furnished by the English *bishop* and the French *évêque*. Both are from the same root, furnishing, perhaps the only example of two words from a common stem so modifying themselves in historical times as not to have a letter in common. (Of course many words from a far off Aryan stem are in the same condition.) The English strikes off the initial and terminal syllables, leaving only *piscop*, which the Saxon preference for the softer labial and hissing sounds modified into *bishop*. *Évêque* (formerly *evesque*) merely softens the *p* into *v* and drops the last syllable. [William S. Walsh, "Handy-Book of Literary Curiosities," Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott, 1892]

Late Latin *episcopus* in Spanish became *obispo*. Cognate with Old Saxon *biscop*, Old High German *bischof*. The chess piece (formerly archer, before that *alfin*) was so called from 1560s.

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*bishop* in Medicine

**Bishop** *Bish·op* (*bɪʃh'əp*), **J. Michael** . Born 1936.

American microbiologist. He shared a 1989 Nobel Prize for discovering a sequence of genes that can cause cancer when mutated.

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*bishop* in Science

**Bishop**

(bĭsh'əp)

American molecular biologist who, working with Harold Varmus, discovered oncogenes. For this work, Bishop and Varmus shared the 1989 Nobel Prize for physiology or medicine.

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bishop in Culture

## **bishop definition**

In some [Christian churches](#), a person appointed to oversee a group of [priests](#) or [ministers](#) and their congregations. In the [Anglican Communion](#), the [Eastern Orthodox Church](#), and the [Roman Catholic Church](#), bishops are considered the successors of the Twelve [Apostles](#).

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bishop in the Bible

an overseer. In apostolic times, it is quite manifest that there was no difference as to order between bishops and elders or presbyters (Acts 20:17-28; 1 Pet. 5:1, 2; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3). The term bishop is never once used to denote a different office from that of elder or presbyter. These different names are simply titles of the same office, "bishop" designating the function, namely, that of oversight, and "presbyter" the dignity appertaining to the office. Christ is figuratively called "the bishop [episcopos] of souls" (1 Pet. 2:25).

Easton's 1897 Bible Dictionary

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