

Next week
24th September 2017

Coffee Rota Michael and Maureen Morris

Flower Rota Priscilla Payne

Cleaning Rota Gill Woods

JAM Rota Soraya Emokpaire and Vicky Newington

Services Sunday 24th September 2017

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Priscilla Payne
Reading: Ian Smith
Praying: Brenda Smith
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul
Reading: Priscilla Payne
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for all those affected by Hurricane Irma. Also, those whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake in Mexico.

Pray for our Government as they try to work out how to move forward with Brexit. Pray for wisdom and that our country will continue to be outward looking and a place marked by rich hospitality.

Thank God for the opportunities that our Harvest of Creativity Project will bring. Pray that many people in our community will be blessed by the activities provided.

Please give thanks for the groups and meetings that will take place during the week and ask for God's guidance for our events.

Mission Prayer

for

The Church's Ministry Among Jewish People (CMJ)

Please pray for the Chief Executive Officer of CMJ (UK), Alex Jacob, for wisdom in all his responsibilities and opportunities. He has recently been diagnosed with acromegaly. Pray also for the CEO of CMJ (Israel) and all the staff and volunteers as they cope with many challenges. Pray for good health, protection on the streets and for their families, that they may know the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit so that they are inspired and blessed.

Thought for the week

The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people turned to the Lord

Acts 11 v 21

St. Peter's Church



Welcome

'We are here to demonstrate God's love for all as shown in Jesus to people where we live and work.'

Services Today: 17th September 2017

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Judith Boarer
Acts 11:19-30 NT p163
Praying: Steve Kemp
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul
Reading: Norman Holmes
Jonah 3 OT p898
Praying: Pat Holmes
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Refreshments are served in the Church Centre after morning services. All welcome.

Welcome to Our Service Today

This Morning we continue our series in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Our theme today is '*How the Church Grows*' Surely that's a very important question! In the continent of **Africa**, in **Latin America** and in **Southern Asia** the Christian Church is growing rapidly. In China the number of Christians is growing at an astonishing rate.

The media in the west doesn't really understand this phenomenon and naturally continues to focus on the struggles within our continent - and we see the huge challenge in the UK. So how does the Church grow? Clearly the book of Acts which charts the growth of the Church in the first century has something crucial to teach us.

This evening we continue our exploration of the story of Jonah. Our theme is ' The Great Reversal ' as Jonah finally reaches Nineveh.

Autumn Programme Card

Please take a copy of the Autumn Programme card today and use it as a prompt for both prayer and information.

Christian Resource Library

Opening times are Monday, Tuesday 9am-3pm and Wednesday 12 mid-day to 3pm, during pre-school term time in the Helen Webley room. Complimentary refreshments are available.

Tear Fund Christmas cards will soon be on sale in the Library.

Harvest flowers

The Church will be decorated for Harvest on Saturday 30th September from 10am, with a flower arranging demonstration from 9.30am. Please come along if you would like to help. Donations of autumnal flowers and foliage are needed please – please bring them to the Church before 10am on that day.

Please let Ruth Campbell know if you intend being involved in any of the above by phoning 01732 522201 or texting her on 07977215660. Thank you!

Harvest Thanksgiving

Will be on October 1st. As usual please bring produce to the service which will then be distributed to Maidstone Care and Heart of Kent Hospice. Thank you

Diary for w/c 17th September at St Peter's

Mon/Tues/Thurs

9.00am - 3.30pm **Ditton Church Pre-School** - Church Centre

Wed & Fri

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Mon

7.00pm **Prayer@7-** The Rectory

2.00pm **Book Club** - The Golding Room

Tues

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8.00pm **Whiffen Walk-** Small group meeting

Wed

9.30am-11.00am **Crafty Coffee** - Golding Room

7.15pm **Ladies Film Evening** - Church Centre

Thurs

7.45pm- **Brassey Drive** – Small group meeting.

Harvest of Creativity

A special Harvest of Creativity Sunday morning service will be held on October 15th.

Our 10.00am service will have as its focus the Harvest of Creativity Project taking place over the whole of this Autumn - and likely to be going on into the New Year!

There will not be a service of Holy Communion that Sunday morning.

There will also be a Pot Luck Lunch open to all in the Church Centre - beginning at Midday. Just bring something to eat and share with others!

To avoid overloading on sausage rolls, there will be a list in the Church Centre today for you to indicate what food you are going to bring. You can also e mail Jane in the office.

Please keep your ideas and plans coming for the Harvest of Creativity!!

Have you a favourite hymn or song that you would like to put forward for us to sing that Sunday morning? We will take the 2 most requested songs and include them in the service!

Please email your favourite hymn through to Jane in the Church office or put it through the Rectory letter box in the more traditional fashion!

Operation Christmas Child

If you can help by filling a box please take one today! If you are not able to fill a box but would like to bring something that can go in one - there is a donation box by the font as you leave the church on your right. The Shoebox service is on Sunday November 12th at 4pm.

Ladies Film Night

Takes place on 20th September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £2.50. To buy your ticket, please see Judith Boarer or contact Jane Beldham in the office. The film is LION. A true story of a young man's determination to find his birth parents across a continent.

Church Book Club

We are meeting in the Golding Room 2pm on September 18th to discuss Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. If you are coming please let Ross know.

Pre-School Harvest

Will be held in church on Wednesday 4th October at 11am

Refreshments will be served to Pre-School families in the church centre after the service. If you can spare some time and are able to help with serving please speak to Sandie Thomas or let Jane know in the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

St Peter's Church Website

The new website is now live.

Please visit

WWW.dittonchurch.org.uk

You will be able to view weekly newsletters and the preaching programme as well as other events and news.
