

Next week 18th February 2018

Coffee Rota Jan & Geoff McCormack

Flower Rota Ruth Campbell

Cleaning Rota Lin Atkinson

JAM Rota Helen & Karolyn

Services Sunday 18th February 2018

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Priscilla Payne

Reading: Judith Boarer

Praying: Priscilla Payne

Preaching: Priscilla Payne

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Pauline Grimes

Praying: Simon Webley

Preaching: Stephen Kemp

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for Ross whilst on Study leave.

Please give thanks for those who are leading services and working together at St. Peter's while Ross is away.

Please pray for Priscilla and our wardens, Alan and John and give thanks for all that they are able to do.

Please pray for the preparations for Lent and the Easter services.

Pray especially for Small Group leaders as they prepare for meetings and for each member of our small groups as they study together.

Mission Prayer

for

Tearfund

In Bolivia where almost half the population live in extreme poverty, please pray for Tearfund's partners who are trying to tackle the 850,000 children caught up in situations of child labour.

Thought for the Week

There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

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: 11th February 2018
Sunday next before Lent

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Priscilla Payne

Reading: Roma Seaman

Matthew 21:33-46 NT p31

Praying: Stephen Kemp

Preaching: Canon John Salter

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Leading: Priscilla Payne

Reading: Pauline Matthews

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 NT p256

Praying: Maureen Morris

This evening is the final video from our series.

Refreshments are served in the Church Centre after the morning service.
All Welcome.

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we welcome Canon John Salter and his wife, Bridget to our church family at St Peter's.

We very much look forward to hearing all that he to share with us and are very grateful that he has travelled here to be with us once again.

This evening, will be the final week of our video series. Rico Tice from All Souls, Langham Place will be speaking and his sermon is entitled 'The Life Boat'

Lent Course:

This year's Lent Course will be following the film 'The Kings Speech'. The film follows the struggle of King George V1 to overcome his fears and his stammer.

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The course will begin in small groups week beginning 19th February. If you would like to join a group just for the 5 weeks please speak to Priscilla.

Film and Lunch

The Whiffen Walk Small Group would like to invite you to a Bring & Share lunch on Sunday 18th February at 12 noon in the Church Centre. After the lunch we will watch the film 'The King's Speech' in preparation for the Lent course. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you intend to attend the Lent course. Activities will be provided for the children during the film. *Please sign up for this event on the list displayed in the church porch.*
Pauline Matthews

Diary for w/c 11th February at St Peter's Church

Mon

7.00pm **Prayer@7**- Golding Room- All welcome

Tues

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

Wed

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

7.30pm – **Ash Wednesday** Holy Communion service

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Rotas for 2018

Rotas for this year have been sent (with the exception of the Cleaning rota)

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Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Jane if you would like to help or if you have not received a 2018 rota and expected to! Thank you

Fields of Life Lent Challenge

If you would like information on how you can take part in the Fields of Life Lent Challenge, please contact Jane Beldham who will forward the information supplied by Sue Viner. Information is also displayed on the noticeboard in the church porch.

Ladies Brunch

Jane Beldham and her daughter, Lucy are organising a Ladies Brunch on Saturday 17th March at 10.15am for meal at 10.30am at The Swan, West Malling. A time to be together and enjoy a good full English breakfast! Sue Viner will be finishing the morning with a talk. Tickets are £15 and should be purchased by 1st March. If you would like to come along, with or without friends, please speak to Jane.

Dietary requirements can be catered for.

Ross on Study Leave

Ross is now on study leave until Sunday March 11th.

Amanda Harris is collecting used postage stamps for a charity called 'Count the Kicks' which informs parents about the importance of checking unborn baby's movements to try to prevent problems and still birth. If you would like to help with her collection, please remove stamps from your letters and give them to Amanda or Jane Beldham.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

There is an opportunity in the porch to sign a petition that will be sent to the Foreign Secretary of State for International Development asking that they would work with the education authorities in Pakistan to ensure that UK AID is not used to fund biased textbooks that promote prejudice – discrimination against religious minorities at school teaches intolerance and fuels religious hatred.

Women's World day of Prayer

Takes place at St James the Great Church, East Malling on Friday 2nd March. Refreshments are served from 10.00am and the service begins at 10.30am. Please see the poster in the Church Centre or speak to Deirdre Johnson for further information.

Church Centre

During half term there will be contractors working on the drains in the Church Centre. A HUGE THANK YOU to Alan Warner who has arranged this and gone above and beyond the call of duty with the drain problems that we have had!

Sewing classes

For children are being held on Wednesday 14th February in the Church Centre 9.30am to 12.30pm. If you would like more information, please contact: Sarah.curtis@outlook.com



Next week 25th February 2018

Coffee Rota Michael & Maureen Morris

Flower Rota Pauline Grimes

Cleaning Rota Roma Seaman

JAM Rota Soraya & Helen

Services Sunday 25th February 2018

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Rev Rachael Knap

Reading: Ian Walker Jopson

Praying: Ruth Campbell

Preaching: Rev Rachael Knapp

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Leading: Priscilla Payne

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Please pray for our Pre-School families as we approach Easter and pray that we will given opportunities to share the true meaning of our Easter celebrations with others in our community.

Please pray for one another, that we will all be able to join together in reflection and preparation during the season of Lent.

Mission Prayer

for

Armonia

Please continue to pray for Pilar Cruz and her son Saul jr. as they decide on the priorities of Armonia, Mexico both in the Transformation Centres in Mexico City and the student residences in the state of Oaxaca in the South.

Thought for the Week

I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love.

Ephesians 3: 16-18

St. Peter's Church



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Services Today: 18th February 2018
First Sunday in Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Priscilla Payne

Reading: Judith Boarer

Matthew 26: 19-29 *NT p39*

Praying: Priscilla Payne

Preaching: Priscilla Payne

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Pauline Grimes

Gal 5: 10-13 & Gal 6: 14-16 *NT p238*

Praying: Simon Webley

Preaching: Stephen Kemp

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All Welcome.**

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning Priscilla will be leading our Holy Communion service.

We look forward to hearing her sermon on The Last Supper as we worship together on the first Sunday in Lent.

This evening's service will be the first in the series entitled 'The Cross and Your Life'. We are very grateful for Stephen Kemp for preaching to us from Galatians 5:10-13 and 6:14-16

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12.00noon **Lunch** and film together- Church Centre

Mon/Tues/Thurs

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

Mon

7.00pm **Prayer@7-** Golding Room- All welcome

Tues

2pm **Tuesday Afternoon Group-** Lunch together

8.00pm **Station Road** - Small group meeting

8.00pm **Linkway** – Small group meeting

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

Wed/Fri

9.00am - 12 noon **Pre-School** - Church Centre

Wed

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

7.30pm PCC Meeting- Church Centre

Thur

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

8.00pm **Ditton Court Close** – Small group meeting

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