

Next week 25th March 2018

Coffee Rota Gill Cropper & Anita Brightley
Hodges

Flower Rota Vacant

Cleaning Rota Gillian Woods

JAM Rota Soraya & Helen

Services Sunday 25th March 2018

10.00am Morning Prayer – Palm Sunday

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Carolyn McMahon
Praying: Mei Chong
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Norman Holmes
Praying: Pat Holmes
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Tuesday 19th February to Wednesday 28th March.

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Thank God for the ministry Priscilla continues to exercise in the parish. Pray she may know God's blessing on her life especially in her work with the bereaved.

We continue to pray for the situation on the Korean Peninsula and pray the proposed talks between the USA and North Korea will be genuinely helpful.

Pray for all the preparations for the Easter services. Pray for many people to be drawn to the services to hear the glorious hope of the resurrection.

Mission Prayer

for
Tearfund

Please pray and ask that the suffering of those affected by hunger in East Africa can be relieved. Ask for God's blessing on all those who are responding to this crisis, so that they are able to give them all they need to respond quickly and effectively.

Thought for the Week

As for me, however, I will boast only about the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

Galatians 6 v 14a

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: 18th March 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Anita Brightley Hodges
Matthew 26:47-56 NT p40
Praying: Carol Wellbelove
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Pauline Matthews
Psalm 22: 1-21 OT p547
Praying: Pauline Grimes
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we are back in the short series from the Gospel of Matthew as we prepare for the great festival of Easter. Our overall title for the series is **Matthew's Passion. The World's Last Night**. This morning our theme is *'The World's Sword'*.

The passage is famous as it includes the betrayal of Jesus by Judas and also Jesus saying ' All who live by the sword will die by the sword. But what did he mean?

This evening we continue to explore **The Cross and Your Life** - our theme this evening is The Cross and Loneliness.

Praying & Reading

We currently have some vacancies on our Prayer rota. If you are able to lead intercessions on: 1st July or 4th November Morning service. Please contact Jane Beldham in the Church Office. Thank you

Easter Services at St Peter's

Maundy Thursday 29th March at 7.30pm

Holy Communion service

Good Friday Meditation 30th March at 10.00am

Easter Sunday 1st April at 10.00am

Holy Communion service

Easter Praise Sunday 1st April at 6.30pm

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is on April 25th 7.30pm in the Church Centre. This is a very important meeting in the life of the church as we review the past year and look forward to the challenges of the coming year. It's a time to come together to encourage each other and to remember that a crucial part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ is our commitment to his Church - to each other. Your presence matters! So please aim to be there and together let's support each other as we seek to honour the name of Christ in our community.

Churchyard Clear ups

The 2018 dates for the Churchyard clear ups are planned:

14th April, 23rd June, 8th Sept, 24th Nov.

9am-12 mid-day

Please note these dates in your diaries! It would be lovely to get as many as possible to join together for this, particularly the first tidy up of the year in April! If

Diary for w/c 18th March at St Peter's Church

Mon/Tues/Thurs

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

Mon

7.00pm **Prayer@7-** Rectory- All welcome

Tues

2.00pm **TAG** – St Peter's Court- Holy Communion

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

(Last meeting before Easter break)

Thur

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

8.00pm **DCC**- Small group meeting

you are able to help and or supply refreshments, please contact Jane in the office. Thank you

Leap of Faith Weekend 15th-17th June

Leap of Faith is an invitation to all women over the age of 18 who want a weekend away to take time out and come closer to God whilst having a bit of fun in the process. This will be "Leap of Faith's" fifth year and it's a chance for women from across the whole Diocese to come together in fellowship, faith, fun and friendship. The event has always been a resounding success where many were truly inspired to seek a deeper relationship with God. Please see the poster in the porch or contact Jane Beldham for a copy to be emailed to you.

Easter Service

Pre-School will be holding their annual Easter Service for children and parents on

Wednesday 28th March. If you would be able to help to set up coffee and hot cross buns and serve them to families after the 11am service, please contact Sandie Thomas. Your help would be greatly appreciated. All welcome to the service! 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.

Amanda Harris is collecting used postage stamps for a charity called 'Count the Kicks' please remove stamps from your letters and give them to Amanda or Jane Beldham in the office.

Garage space

Do you have a garage that you would consider letting? Alan Warner is looking to rent garage space to house one of his classic cars. Please speak to him if you think you might be interested in helping with this.

Easter Flowers

This year we will celebrate the great festival of Easter by decorating our Church with lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, or spring flowers to celebrate Easter, we should be delighted to receive your donations. The suggested donation for a Remembrance Lily is £3.00

The names of those being remembered will be published in a special Book of Remembrance, which will be displayed in the Church during April. To participate, please use one of the cards available in the pews or request one from a sides man. Please note that your donation must be received by Sunday 25 March 2018.

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 31 March from 9.30am. Please come along if you would like to help. Donations of foliage would also be helpful.

Thank you for your support.

Ditton Gazette

The Easter edition of the Gazette is here and if you can help with distribution that is enormously appreciated.
