

**Next two weeks:
8th April 2018**

Coffee Rota Carol Wellbelove

Flower Rota Vacant

Cleaning Rota Lin Atkinson

JAM Rota Diane & Helen

15th April 2018

Coffee Rota Anne Hood & June Thomas

Flower Rota Val Clay

Cleaning Rota Roma Seaman

JAM Rota Soraya & Diane

Services Sunday 15th April 2018

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Ian Walker Jopson
Praying: Stephen Kemp
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Priscilla Payne
Reading: Pauline Grimes
Praying: Simon Webley
Preaching: John Paul

New Bishop of Rochester

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Thank God for all who lead and host our small groups. Pray these groups may grow. Pray that as a church we will continue to value and support them.

Pray for those leading the talks on our exit from the EU. Pray for great wisdom in the direction our country should go in.

Give thanks for the work of teaching. Pray for those in our church who are teachers and pray for the Pre-schools, Infant school and Junior school in our parish.

Mission Prayers

for
Crosslinks

Please pray for all the staff of Crosslinks, particularly the team leaders who oversee the staff in London and Belfast and for Mission Director Andy Lines as he fulfils his ambassadorial role and builds positive relationships for Crosslinks globally.

Pray also for Adam Tomalin, grandson of Maureen and Michael Morris, who has just started a two-year mission in Johannesburg for Crosslinks.

CMJ

Please pray that the Lord's hand will be on those planning the variety of CMJ events throughout the coming months.

Thought for the Week

The angel said to the women, " Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said"

Matt 28 v 6

St. Peter's Church



Welcome

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Services Today: 1st April 2018

Easter Sunday

10.00 am Easter Day All Age service of Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova & Priscilla Payne
Reading: Ruth Campbell
Matthew 28:1-20 NT p44

Praying: Pat Holmes
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Easter Praise

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Kathy Mitchell
Philippians 3:3-10 NT p249

Praying: Steve Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Services next week :8th April 2018

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Caroline Gibbons
Luke 24: 13-35 NT p114

Praying: Steve Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Gillian Woods
Revelation 5 NT p316

Praying: Ross Terranova
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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

Welcome to Our Services Today

Easter Day focuses on the glorious truth at the heart of the Christian faith that Jesus Christ has indeed triumphed over the forces of sin, death and hell. The resurrection is God's signpost in human history that evil and suffering rampant now will not have the final word. God the Creator is also God the Saviour who has stepped into our world - written himself into the human story which is filled with sadness and loss - and he is the one who makes all things new.

One of the greatest evidences for the truth of the resurrection is actually the existence of the Christian church! If the end of story of Jesus of Nazareth is his death on the cross - as a common criminal how is it possible that the Christian faith, within 3 centuries, became the faith of the Roman Empire? How was it that those first disciples who all abandoned Jesus then started to proclaim him as Lord and God?

So today we worship Jesus of Nazareth - who lived, died, was buried and rose again on the third day! He is the one who walks amongst us as we meet in his name.

A big thank you to all who have decorated the Church.

Next Sunday in our morning service we will be exploring the fantastic account in Luke's gospel of the two disciples who met the risen Jesus on the Emmaus road. In the evening we will be looking at the theme of 'The Victorious Lamb' from the book of Revelation.

Preaching After Easter

For those who like to look ahead! Two new series of sermons begin on April 15th. In the morning we will be looking at Paul's letter to the Galatians. In the evening we will be looking at the life of David from 1 and 2 Samuel.

A Plea!

Are you able to lead intercessions during the evening service on 8th April? Please contact Ross if you can help. Thank you

Diary for w/c 1st April at St Peter's Church

Tues

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

Fri

7.30pm **The Stream** - Small group meeting

Diary for w/c 8th April at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Wed

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

Sat

9am-12 **Churchyard Clear up** – All welcome

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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! If you are able to help on **14th April** please email:

Jane.beldham@gmail.com not the Church office.

Thank you

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.

Ladies Film Evening

30th May at 7.15pm Tickets are £2.50 for refreshments and nibbles. Please contact Judith Boarer or Jane in the office to buy tickets. The film to be shown will be announced shortly as we are not able to show the advertised film 'Finding Your Feet' this time.

Men's Curry Night

We had a brilliant evening at the Ditton Tandoori Palace last November and we will be there again on Wednesday May 2nd from 7.30pm. If you are interested in coming along, **please contact Ross preferably by email.**

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.

Please submit reports to Gillian Woods by 4th April. Thank you

Open Air Service 24 June at 11am

The Great Picnic!

This year there will not be a Community Day but instead we will be meeting on the village green on **Sunday 24th June at 11am** and will be encouraging everyone to bring a picnic to share after the service. We hope this will be a time of celebration and being together. Please put the date in your diary and aim to be there!

Electoral Roll

We are updating the Electoral Roll for the AGM. If anyone is not currently on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please complete an Electoral Roll form and hand it back to Carol Wellbelove by the 8th April. Copies are available from Carol or Church.

Next week 22nd April 2018

Coffee Rota Liz & Brian Stuart

Flower Rota Connie Wood

Cleaning Rota Jan M^cCormack

JAM Rota Soraya & Helen

Services Sunday 22nd April 2018

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Pauline Matthews
Praying: Maureen Morris
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Holy Communion

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Reading: John Paul
Praying: Priscilla Payne
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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for all the preparation for the Annual General Meeting on April 25th. Pray for a really good turnout and for much encouragement.

Give thanks for all those who work in our Health and Social care services. Pray for wisdom for the Government as they seek to plan new resources for this vital work.

Pray that we may be faithful and wise in how we commend our faith in Jesus to those we live with and work with and socialise with.

Mission Prayer

for
CPAS

Pray for the ever-increasing number of churches in vacancy.

CPAS have written a resource designed to help churches thrive and grow while they go through the process of appointing a new vicar. Pray for these churches, not only that they will be blessed with a new incumbent, but that in this time of vacancy they will rely on God and see increased unity and growth.

Thought for the Week

Paul, an apostle- sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead-

Galatians 1 v 1

St. Peter's Church



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Galatians 1:1-5 NT p233
Praying: Stephen Kemp
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1 Samuel 16: 1-13 OT p281
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Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we begin a new series in Paul's letter to the Galatians. One of the earliest letters Paul wrote (some date it from around 48 AD) it is also one of the most explosive - just read the opening 12 verses!

What is one of the key issues at stake in this letter? *Nothing less than the good news about Jesus and whose word we trust to know what that is.* This was a live issue in Galatia - and it is still a live issue in the Church today. Do we submit to the teaching of the Bible - to the teaching of Paul as someone inspired by God the Holy Spirit - or if we don't like what Paul wrote do we go our own way? The question of authority is a huge issue in our culture and its central to this letter.

Our overall title for the series is *New Family, New Freedom* because Paul has much to tell us about the wonder of belonging to a new family - the Church and knowing a new freedom in our relationship and knowledge of God. This comes about as we place our trust in what Jesus Christ achieved for us on the Cross (we are justified by faith) and knowing the inner power and grace of God the Holy Spirit at work in our lives (sanctification). A great letter to study together in this season after Easter. Our theme this morning is '**Rescued**'.

In our evening services we will be looking at the life of King David under the general heading '**A man after God's own heart**'. We will be looking at passages in both 1 and 2 Samuel. This evening our theme is '**Looking at the Heart**'

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Mon/Tues/Thurs

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

Mon

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

Tues

2.00pm **T.A.G.** - St Peter's Court

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

Thurs

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

Fri

7.30pm – **The Stream** – Small group meeting

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.

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The theme for the service is '*What is the Good Life?*'

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