

**Next week 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Coffee Rota** Maureen, Pauline & Mei

**Flower Rota** Vacant

**Cleaning Rota** Lin Atkinson

**JAM Rota** Karolyn & Diane

**Services Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**10.00am Trinity Praise**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Alan Warner

Praying: Simon Webley

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30 pm Holy Communion**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Gill Woods

Praying: Steve Campbell

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Please pray for all those involved in our security services as they seek to keep us safe from attack. Pray for young minds not to be influenced and harmed by pernicious ideologies.

Pray for those caring for people with mental illness. Pray for our schools and colleges dealing with an unprecedented rise in mental illness in the young.

Pray for our Open-Air Service on June 24th. Pray for Alan Jenkins our speaker. Pray for those we are looking to invite to the service.

**Mission Prayer**

for  
CPAS

Church Pastoral Aid Society

Pray for the office team and volunteers as they carry out the final preparations for this summer's Venture and Falcon camps. Leader recruitment, risk assessments, training qualifications and answering the phones as leaders and parents call with a huge range of questions - all vital tasks to ensure the safety of young people this summer and make sure they have the best time ever. Pray for the children going on the two Buzz Ventures which are taking place at half term - that as they spend time investigating Jesus they may make friends and become disciples of God.

**Thought for the Week**

*You foolish Galatians! Who put a spell on you?  
Before your very eyes you had a clear description of the  
death of Jesus Christ on the cross! Tell me this one thing:  
did you receive God's Spirit by doing what the Law requires  
or by hearing the gospel and believing it?*

Galatians 3 v1-2

**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: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Pentecost

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: David Pearce

Galatians 3:1-9 NT p235

Praying: Gillian Woods

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Pauline Matthews

2 Sam 23: 8-17 OT p325

Praying: Ross Terranova

Preaching: Ross Terranova

Refreshments are served in the church centre  
after morning services.

All welcome.

**Welcome to Our Services Today**

**Pentecost**

Today is the feast of Pentecost when we remember that remarkable day when God the Holy Spirit fell on the first followers of Jesus as they prayed together in Jerusalem.

This was the promised gift that Jesus had told them that God the Father would give to them to empower them for service and to live within them. All those who trust in Christ receive the Holy Spirit and can experience his love, grace and power in many ways. Let's pray as a Church that we will know his power and see many people coming to a living faith in Jesus.

**This morning** we continue in our series in Paul's letter to the Galatians. Here in the beginning of chapter 3 Paul talks about the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of these Galatian Christians. He also wants them - and us to realise that in a very real way the Christian Church didn't start at Pentecost, but we can trace our spiritual family right back to Abraham!

**This evening** we continue our series on the life of David from 1 and 2 Samuel and tonight our theme is 'The Mighty Men'

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### **Atheism talk**

A number of people have requested the titles of some books that may be helpful following Ross' talk on atheism. Here are a few!

The Reason for God - Tim Keller  
The Language of God - Francis Collins  
Simply Christian - Tom Wright  
Alister McGrath- Inventing the Universe  
True Paradox - David Skeel  
A Brief History of Thought - Luc Ferry  
God and the Biologist - Sam Berry  
Why God won't go Away- Alister McGrath

You may want to read an article in the Guardian by Phillip Goff on Bank Holiday Monday (7<sup>th</sup> May) on whether Steven Hawkings' last book made the case for a supernatural creator more plausible.

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### **Dementia Action Week**

Takes place 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May.  
Rochester Cathedral will be holding an event on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am - 3.30pm that may be helpful to carers and sufferers of this disease. Please collect a leaflet as you leave if this is of interest.

For more information on other events please visit [www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/dementia](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/dementia)

### **Diary for w/c 20<sup>th</sup> May at St Peter's Church**

#### **Mon/Tues/Thurs**

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

#### **Mon**

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

#### **Wed/Fri**

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

#### **Wed**

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

#### **Thurs**

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

Fri

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

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### **Ladies Film Evening**

30th May at 7.15pm Tickets are £2.50 for refreshments and nibbles. The film to be shown is Breathe. Please contact Judith Boarer or Jane in the office to book your place.

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### **Called Together**

Revd Canon Mark Brown, Vicar and Area Dean of Tonbridge, is hosting and leading three evenings at St Peter & St Paul Church Tonbridge, TN9 1HD.

This is in support of the Diocesan-wide initiative 'Called Together'

The evenings start with refreshments at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**- *Speaking in a way that leads people to an active faith in Christ.*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**- *Growing Pains*

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**- *How to change the church without doing anything.*

No booking necessary. Please ask Jane Beldham in the church office if you would like more information.

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### **JAM Picnic**

The JAM club are meeting together for a picnic on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July straight after the morning service. They will meet at the Community Centre close to the play area. All welcome to join in the fun! Please ask Amanda Harris if you need more information.

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### **Thank you**

Pat and Norman Holmes would like to thank all who have sent cards and have held them in their thoughts and prayers at the death of Beth, Pat's sister.

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### **JustOne**

Is an event being held at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Doors open at 1pm and the event starts at 3pm. An opportunity to worship together and hear how the good news of Jesus can transform lives and bring purpose. You are encouraged to take a friend to help fill the stadium that holds 11,000 people! The speaker at this event is Canon J.John. Tickets are £5. Please see the poster in the church porch or visit the website [justonepriestfield.com](http://justonepriestfield.com) for more information.

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### **Soldiers' and Airman's Scripture Readers Association**

Will be holding their annual meeting at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm. Refreshments are served from 7.15pm

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### **The Great Picnic!**

Takes place on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11am** and we are 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! We are delighted that our speaker will be

**Rev Alan Jenkins** Rector of St Nicholas, Great Bookham and Area Dean of Leatherhead. Alan was the speaker at a Church weekend away we had some years ago.

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

**Invitation cards are now available. We have printed 100 and want them all to be used!**

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### **Oxford Away Day**

**On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018** we are planning a day at **Oxford Manor** for the whole church family. We are delighted that our guest speaker will be **Fiona Castle** who joined us at a church event many years ago. She is an excellent speaker and we are looking forward to seeing her and hearing all that she has to share with us. Please note the date in your diaries.

More information will follow shortly.

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