

Next week 20th January 2019

Coffee Rota Diane & Stuart Chilmaid

Flower Rota Ruth Campbell

Cleaning Rota Brenda & Sandie

JAM Rota Soraya & Kim

Services Sunday 20th January 2019

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Anita Brightley Hodges

Praying: Pat Holmes

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Pauline Grimes

Praying: Priscilla Payne

Preaching: John Paul

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for Tina and Tom's daughter Claire and her family as she receives treatment for her heart.

Pray for Parliament as the meaningful vote on the Brexit deal is taken this week. Pray for the future of our relationship with Europe.

Pray for our future as a Church as we begin to look at responses to the MAP survey. Pray that we will be fired supremely by a passion to see people coming to a living faith in Jesus Christ.

Mission Prayer

for

Church Pastoral Aid Society

Praise God that the Big Give in December raised £33,755 for CPAS which will go towards the running of this year's Ventures, Falcons and School Ventures. Give thanks that the ministry of these holidays is growing, and that young people are getting to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that all their 2019 holidays will be full and bring many 8-18 year olds to faith in him.

Pray for churches using CPAS resources (such as 'Growing Leaders' and 'Mentoring Matters') to equip lay people for personal evangelism and mission-minded leadership.'

Pray for what might appear to us to be impossible: for those who reject God to come to faith, for churches around the country to be set on fire with a passion to win the lost, for revival in our time.

Thought for the Week

Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

2 Timothy 1 v 12

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: 13th January 2019

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: David Pearce

Jonah 1: 1-12 OT p897

Praying: Simon Webley

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Leading: Priscilla Payne

Reading: Pauline Matthews

2 Timothy 1: 6-14 NT p267

Praying: Ross Terranova

Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we continue with the series we began last Sunday in the book of Jonah. Sadly, often only remembered today for discussions about whether Jonah was in the whale for 3 days. This book has so much to teach us about God and his mission in our world.

Jonah a Hebrew, an Israelite prophet is called by God to go and preach in the city of Nineveh, capital city of the Assyrian Empire and one of the most brutal and murderous of the Ancient world. One writer has said calling Jonah to go and preach in Nineveh is a bit like asking a Jewish Rabbi to go and preach in Hitler's Berlin around 1941! An amazing commission - an impossible task - So Jonah turns and runs - in the opposite direction!

This morning our theme is '*Embracing the Other*' as we continue to explore one of the major themes of the book - Gods embrace of those who are 'outside'. How big is our view of God? How wide do we think his mercy really is - if we are honest with ourselves for a minute? Do we long for that mercy and love to be embraced by those we don't even know?

This evening we continue with our series in 2 Timothy where we examine Paul's stirring words to his protege Timothy from the prison cell he was in. Tonight, our theme from the first chapter is '*Not Ashamed*'.

Some Dates for your 2019 diary:

Men's Curry Night Wednesday 6th February

Ladies Film Evening Wednesday 22nd May

Church AGM Sunday 28th April at 11.45am

Church Family Away Day at Otford Manor Saturday 7th September

Service on the Green Sunday 23rd June

Diary for w/c 13th January at St Peter's Church

Mon, Tues, Thurs

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

Wed, Fri

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Mon

7.00pm **Prayer@7** - Rectory

7.45pm **Small Group Leader's Meeting** - Rectory

Tues

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

Wed

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

Thurs

8.00pm **DCC** - Small group Christmas social

The Spring Programme Card is now available.

Please use it for prayer and information.

2019 Rotas

Rotas for 2019 have been produced. If you have not yet received yours, please contact Jane in the Church Office.

Small Group Leaders

Please remember there is a meeting of Small Group leaders **tomorrow** evening at the Rectory starting at 7.45pm.

Men's Curry Night

This will be held at the Kathmandu Palace, Bradbourne Lane, Ditton on Wednesday February 6th at 7.30pm. **You do need to book!**

Please do this by contacting the Church Office.

Mission Action Plan

We have produced a questionnaire for all church members which forms the first part of our *Mission Action Plan (MAP)*.

We are looking to use the results of the survey to begin to formulate a new MAP to guide us in the future direction of the Church here in Ditton.

The Group looking at the initial stages of the MAP will be meeting later in Jan to see what the survey has told us and this will be the reported to the PCC. Very shortly we be looking at producing a questionnaire for the community - a more exacting task! Please pray for God's guidance in this whole process.

Meeting dates

If you are involved in a group and would like your meeting dates to be included in the newsletter, please contact Jane in the Church Office.

Website

Please visit St Peter's Church website for information on services, events and newsletters.

dittonchurch.org.uk

Thank you

A huge **thank you** to everyone who took part in activities over the Christmas period. From Carol Singing to Christmas Trees and everything in between! Your help in reaching out to the local community at this time of year is greatly valued.

Prayer Request

Tom and Tina Drennan's daughter, Claire is due to have heart surgery on 11 January to replace a valve that was put in 5 years ago but hasn't lasted as long as was hoped. The recovery period will be 4-6 weeks. Tina & Tom would appreciate your prayers over the next few weeks. They are going to Italy to look after Claire and Rudi's two very young children.
