

**Next week – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Flower Rota** Vacant

**Cleaning Rota** Sandie & Brenda

**JAM** Ruth & Soraya

**Coffee** Soraya & Pauline

**Services Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**10.00am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ruth Campbell

Ephesians 6: 18-24

Praying: Steve Campbell

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Pauline Matthews

Psalm 147

Praying: Pauline Grimes

Preaching: John Paul

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**The Church Office is closed from 16<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

Christian Resource Library open during school term time.

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Please pray for our small groups as they return to meet in person. Pray these groups may be a place of welcome, learning and service.

Pray for wisdom for our government as they deal with major challenges in the health and social care services.

**Mission Prayer**

Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)

Pray for the various training events that CPAS are running this autumn for church leaders. The first session of their Leading Evangelism course is taking place this week online. Pray for God's blessing on this new initiative and praise Him for the enthusiastic response so far. Pray God speaks through James Lawrence as he leads the session, and through the participants as they share ideas and insights. School Ventures have not been able to take place due to covid. Pray for the leaders as they navigate running residential with pupils from multiple schools as restrictions have been eased.

**Thought for the Week**

*In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

Ephesians 6 v 16

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Caroline Gibbons

Ephesians 6: 10-20 *page 1177*

Praying: Ross Terranova

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Kathy Mitchell

Psalm 139 *page 628*

Praying: John Paul

Preaching: Stephen Kemp

## Welcome to Our Services Today

**A warm welcome** to our services today both in the building and to those who are with us online.

**This morning** we are once again exploring the theme of the *Christian Soldier* as we examine Paul's teaching on the nature of Christian warfare.

This is a spiritual battle and to be effective in the struggle against the forces of darkness every follower of Jesus is required to get ready.

**This evening** our theme is ' The Mystery of God' as we explore Psalm 139.

### Music and Singing

It has been wonderful to be able to sing again in recent weeks after so many months of not being able to do so. Today marks the return for the first time since March 15th, 2020, of our singing being accompanied by Joy on the keyboard!

Joy will be playing for us most Sundays going forward with occasional breaks where we will be singing to recorded music.

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### Harvest Thanksgiving

This takes place on **October 3rd**. Please bring Harvest gifts as usual. These will be shared with Pilsdon@ West Malling, Heart of Kent Hospice and Maidstone Homeless Care. Please pray for our worship team who are leading the service that morning.

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### Gift Day

Thank you for your generous contributions to Gift Day. Money raised will be shared between our Mission partners and the Church building project. So far, we have received over **£14,000**.

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### Diary for w/c 19<sup>th</sup> September at St Peter's Church

#### Mon, Tues, Thurs

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

#### Mon

7.00pm-- **Prayer@7** – Golding Room

#### Wed

9.30am -11.30am - **Crafty Coffee** Golding Room

#### Wed, Fri

9.00am - 12.00noon **Pre-School** - Church Centre

#### Thurs

11.00am - **Funeral**

### Ride& Stride

Thank you to Andy Boarer and Pauline Grimes who took part in the Ride & Stride last week and also those who stayed at church to give a welcome to visitors. We are very grateful to them for their help to raise money for The Friends of Kent Churches. This year we were given £8000 towards the church building work project.

Andy Boarer and Pauline Grimes have raised well over £400 between them (50% of this will be returned to St. Peter's). Thank you to all those who sponsored them.

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### Funeral Service

The funeral of Winifred Rist will take place at 11am on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

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### Building work progress

Work on the new rainwater drainage system moves on at pace, with the gullies and underground pipework installed. The two soak away pits have also been dug and filter boxes installed. Photographs of the progress are available on St Peter's Church Facebook page.

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### Decorating the church for Harvest

The Church will be decorated for Harvest on **Saturday 2 October from 9.30am**. Please let Ruth Campbell know if you can help. Donations of autumnal flowers or foliage would also be very welcome. Thank you!

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### Shoe Box appeal 2021

This year we will be supporting the **Link to Hope** shoe box campaign. The appeal is run by a Christian charity who have been running since 1992 and deliver to families living in Eastern Europe. They support families and the elderly, so *all* family members benefit from receiving a gift. Their website is:

[Shoebox Appeal 2021 - Link to Hope](#)

Leaflets and further details will be available shortly.

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#### St Peter's Church Live

You can now join in with Sunday morning services at home by joining in online via Youtube  
Please visit St Peter's Church website and follow the link to view.

[Dittonchurch.org.uk](http://Dittonchurch.org.uk)

Each Sunday morning the service will be live streamed and is then available to watch anytime.