

Next week – 3rd October 2021

Flower Rota Harvest

Cleaning Rota Yvonne

JAM Harvest

Coffee Jane & David

Services Sunday 3rd October 2021

10.00am Harvest Thanksgiving
Led by the Worship Team

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Simon Webley
Romans 1:1-7

Praying: Carol Wellbelove

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for Bishop Simon with the added responsibilities now the Bishop of Rochester has retired.

Pray for all the new ministers who were ordained yesterday at Rochester Cathedral.

Give thanks for our JAM (Jesus and Me) group that meets each Sunday morning. Pray that this group will know great encouragement during the Autumn term and see new children coming along.

Please pray for all who are involved in the care of those suffering with mental health problems. Pray for families seeking to access care.

Mission Prayer
Crosslinks

Prayers for Andrew and Eunice Moody and daughter, Joy :

Give thanks that they have been able to renew their work permits and Andrew has renewed his driving license.

That they have received the books that Andrew sent from UK.

That Joy is doing well in UK.

Pray that they will be able to finish the work on our house in Yumbe soon.

That Nebbi Diocese will soon have a new bishop and that God will help him as he brings a new leadership team together.

That they will know God's guidance as we seek to start new ministries in Yumbe.

That there will be real lasting peace in South Sudan.

Thought for the Week

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6 v18

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 26th September 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ruth Campbell

Ephesians 6: 18-24 *page 1177*

Praying: Steve Campbell

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Pauline Matthews

Psalms 147 *page 632*

Praying: Pauline Grimes

Preaching: John Paul

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 conclude our series on the letter to the Ephesians - which we began in the dark days of January!

The language and the themes of this remarkable epistle are remarkable as Paul seeks to draw out for us the wonders of the salvation that God has planned for his world - and has accomplished through the coming of Jesus - and by the gift of the Holy Spirit. To a world shattered by the powers of evil and sin - God the Lord and Creator came in the person of His Son to restore and rescue a people for himself.

The challenge of Ephesians is therefore to the Church of today. Be what you are! Demonstrate the grace and forgiveness of God. Live in peace - live holy lives. You share the life of the world but are called to be different to the world.

So Paul ends in the only way possible - calling for prayer in this task - and asking that he will be able to proclaim the gospel **fearlessly**. *Will we at Ditton Church rise to this challenge?*

This evening we conclude our short series on the Psalms. Our theme is 'Praise the Lord' from Psalm 147.

Next Sunday evening we begin a new series in Paul's letter to the Romans. This is a stirring challenging letter which has so often in the history of the Church been used by God to spark renewal and revival. John Stott in his commentary on Romans puts it like this

'It is the fullest, plainest, and grandest statement of the gospel in the New Testament. Its message is that 'man was born free, and everywhere he is in chains', as Rousseau put it ; it is rather that human beings are born in sin and slavery, but that Jesus Christ came to set us free.

So, we embark on our journey through this great letter! Why not join us - next Sunday evening.

Diary for w/c 26th 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

2.00pm **W.A.G** – Church Centre

Wed, Fri

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

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.

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**.

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.

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!

Ride& Stride

Thank you to Andy Boarer and Pauline Grimes who took part in the Ride & Stride and also thanks to 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 and Pauline 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.

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: [Shoobox Appeal 2021 - Link to Hope](#) Leaflets and further details will be available shortly.

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.

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