

Next week –3rd December 2023

Flower Rota Vacant

Cleaning Rota John

JAM Ruth & Katie

Coffee Jane & David

Services Sunday 3rd December 2023

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Chris Williams

Reading: Lisa Davis
Acts 17:22-31

Praying: Carol Wellbelove

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Chris Williams
Psalm 110

Praying: John Paul

Preaching: Giles Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for those whose work seeks to help those suffering with various mental illnesses.

Pray for students in our universities and colleges - for clear and real opportunities to hear about the good news of Jesus Christ.

Please continue to pray for all the planning for the services here over Christmas.

Mission Prayer

Give thanks that Andrew had two good weeks of teaching in Bidi Bidi refugee camp last month. Pray that this will be repeated when he returns later this month.

Pray for a dentist as she comes to Goli from South Korea for November and pray that she will be able to help many people.

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Thought for the Week

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.

Acts 17 v 24

St. Peter's Church



Welcome

'We are here to demonstrate God's love for all as shown in Jesus to people where we live ad work.'

Services Today 26th November 2023

Sunday next before Advent

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ian Smith
Acts 17:24-25 *page 1114*
Psalm 8 *page 546*

Praying: Brenda Smith

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove

Reading: Ross Terranova
Psalm 99 *page 603*

Praying: Steve Campbell

Preaching: Julian Myles

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we continue with our study of Pauls great sermon in **Acts 17** and our theme is '*The Creator God*'

This evening in our study of some of the **Psalms** we look at Psalm 99 - our theme '*With confidence*'.

Explore Cards

We have some new prayer cards available at the back of church and will be adding to these over the following months and pray that these will be a helpful resource.

Church Family News

Please pray for Natalie and the whole family following the death of her father Jeff last Sunday evening. Natalie and her sister Mena were both him when he died. The family thank God for his life and for all the love that they shared with him.

Food Bank

Thank you for your donations to the Food Bank. These will be delivered to Pilsden in West Malling. The next collection will be 21st January. Baby food, nappies, toiletries are welcome as well as food products.

Safeguarding Sunday

Today we will be reflecting on safeguarding and its importance in the life of the Church.

Diary for w/c 26th November at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Mon-Thurs

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

Wed

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

9.00am -**Junior School Assembly** - School

Church Decorating

The wardens recently met with representatives of Zinsser the specialist paint manufacturer suggested by the architect and Brewers, a major decorating supplier based in Maidstone.

Zinssers made a number of suggestions and recommendations, especially that any redecorating should not be done until spring due to internal moisture levels. They are currently producing for us a complete specification of work (free of charge) and Brewers have provided some free samples of associated products we will be trialing prior to redecorating in spring.

Church Of England Synod vote on Same -Sex Blessings

Ross writes:

General Synod passed a motion on November 15th to continue with the implementation of the bishop's proposals with regards to the blessing in parish churches of same sex marriages. These proposals depart from a biblical understanding of sex and marriage. The vote is more than just a departure from the biblical understanding of sex and marriage it also marks a very significant moment, in that it appears that the Church of England no longer looks to Scripture as its supreme authority.

The Church of England Evangelical Council will in the coming days be announcing a series of provisions for orthodox evangelicals. The National Director of CEEC is Canon John Dunnnett who was General Director of the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) - and who has preached here in Ditton. Our own PCC will in due course consider our response to these developments. Please pray.

Christmas Choir

Your next rehearsal takes place on **Sunday 3rd December** after Church!

Thank you to **Lisa Davis** for organising this - we look forward to hearing you in due course!

Carol Singing

We will be singing carols in the parish on **Tuesday December 12th meeting on the green at 7pm**. Please come and join us. If there is anyone who can offer refreshments afterwards, please let Jane know. Thank you.

Christmas Services

If you would like to read or pray at any of the Christmas services, please let Jane know. If you would like to help with serving mulled wine and mince pies after the carol service, please contact Jane.

Christmas Services

17th December

Carols by Candlelight 6pm

Christmas Eve

Carols on the Green at 4.30pm
Service of Holy Communion 11pm

Christmas Day

10am Christmas day Praise

New Year's Day

10am Morning Service

