

**Next week –25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Flower Rota** Yvonne

**Cleaning Rota** Yvonne

**JAM** Ruth & Karolyn

**Coffee** Brian & Liz

**Services Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**10.00am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova  
Reading: David Pearce  
Matthew 5: 27-32  
Praying: Steve Campbell  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Giles Williams  
Reading: Ross Terranova  
Exodus 31: 18  
Praying: Chris Williams  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Please pray that our Lent Course for 2024 'The Nail' will be well attended and of great blessing to all who go.

Pray for all those who lead in the care and treatment of those with mental health problems. Pray especially for those seeking to help young people with depression and anxiety.

Pray for Kennedy as he looks for his first appointment as a Curate. Pray for all the family as they approach in the early summer another period of change.

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted  
for forty day in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are,  
yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to  
your spirit;  
and as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever.  
Amen

**Thought for the Week**

*So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide.  
And to this day it is said, " On the mountain of the  
Lord it will be provided."*

Genesis 22 v 14

# 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 18<sup>h</sup> February 2024**

First Sunday of Lent

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

Leading: Giles Williams  
Reading: Ian Cropper  
Matthew 5: 21-26 *page 969*  
Praying: Jenny Stout  
Preaching: Giles Williams

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: John Paul  
Reading: Kathy Mitchell  
Genesis 22: 1-14 *page 22*  
Praying: Pauline Grimes  
Preaching: Chris Williams

## Welcome to Our Services Today

**This morning** our theme is 'Red Alert' as we explore the teaching of Jesus on murder and anger as part of our series on 'The Sermon on the Mount'.

**This evening**, we begin a new series of sermons for the season of Lent as we focus on the way in which mountains have played a key role in the Bible. The first mountain we explore is Mount **Moriah** scene of the extraordinary incident involving Abraham and Isacc.

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### **Lent Course 2024**

Our Lent Course for 2024 is going to be based on the book, "**The Nail**", written by *the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell*. It offers imaginative reflections on Christ's crucifixion focused on six different key characters, who each describe his or her experience of the Passion. This fresh and unique Lent study course is starting on **Monday 19th February** at 7.30pm in the Church Centre lounge.

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### **Thank you**

Nigel Downes from Maidstone Street Pastors has been in contact and has asked for thanks to be passed on for the generous donations given at Christmas.

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### **Diary for w/c 18<sup>th</sup> February at St Peter's Church**

#### **Mon**

7.00pm - **Prayer@7** – The Morris' home

7.30pm - **Lent Course** – Church Centre

#### **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

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### **Food Bank**

Thank you for your food bank donations. These will be delivered to the Pilsden Community.

The next date for collection will be Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Baby food, nappies, toiletries are welcome as well as food products.

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### **Giving at St Peters**

We encourage everyone who considers St Peters to be their Church to give regularly as they are able to the work and ministry of the Church not just in our community but also so that we can fulfil our commitments to our Mission partners.

If you would like to set up a regular Direct payment, please contact your bank directly to arrange this. Gift Aid forms are available in church.

The Church Bank Account Name: St Peters Ditton PCC

Account Number 00021526 Sort Code:40 52 40

Please speak to Stephen Kemp or Jane in the office if you have any questions.

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### **Church Lunch**

This will be on **25<sup>th</sup> February** from *11.30am* in the Church Centre

We are delighted that Alan and Kathy Mitchell are once again providing this for us.

Please contact Jane in the Church Office by

**15<sup>th</sup> February** to reserve your place.

Cost £10 per person (Children free)

This can be paid in cash (please write 'Church Lunch' on the envelope) or you can also pay by Bank

Transfer using 'Church Lunch' as the reference

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### **We're going to the theatre again! Want to come?**

Last year we arranged two trips to the Hazlitt Theatre to see the Wellington Players perform, which were both most enjoyable. Now our own Christine Williams has joined the Wellington Players and will be performing in their next production of *Witness for the Prosecution* (Agatha Christie) from 23 -27 April. St Peters has also joined the Wellington Players' charity scheme, which allows us to benefit from a proportion of the ticket price for any tickets that we sell. Funds from this next production will be used to offset costs for our Away Day in May. We are making a group booking for Thursday 25 April. Tickets cost £17. Please let Ruth Campbell know if you'd like to join us. (We can also arrange tickets on other nights if people can't make 25th April.)

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### **Church Away Day**

The Church Away day will be on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** at St Benedict's Centre in West Malling.

Nick Williams will be our guest speaker. Nick was our curate here in Ditton, so we look forward to being with him once again. The grounds of St Benedict's are very peaceful and there will be time for chatting, enjoying the surroundings and worship.

All welcome!

Please keep a note of the date.

More details will follow soon.

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