

**Next week –3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

**Flower Rota** Vacant

**Cleaning Rota** John

**JAM** Ruth & Kim

**Coffee** Gill & Ian

**Services Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

**10.00am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Carol Wellbelove

Reading: Amanda Harris  
Matthew 5: 33-37

Praying: David Beldham

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Holy Communion**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ross Terranova  
1 Kings 18: 16-40

Praying: Carol Wellbelove

Preaching: John Paul

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Please continue to pray for an end to the violence in Gaza, for the return of all the Israeli hostages and for a way forward for the Palestinian people.

Give thanks for the gift and calling of marriage. Pray for those looking forward to getting married and for the Church of England that it will be clear in its articulation of what marriage actually is.

Pray for all who take part in our Lent Course that this will prove really energising to our faith.

**The Collect**

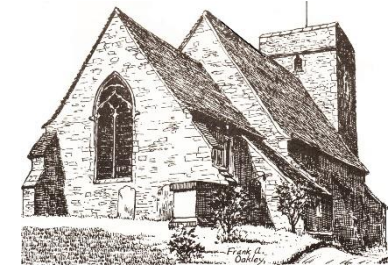
Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Thought for the Week**

*When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God*

Exodus 32 v 18

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Second Sunday of Lent

**10.00 am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: David Pearce  
Matthew 5: 27-32 *page 969*

Praying: Steve Campbell

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: Ross Terranova  
Exodus 19:1-11 & 32:18 *pages 76 & 91*

Praying: Chris Williams

Preaching: Ross Terranova

## Welcome to Our Services Today

**This morning** our theme is '*Self Discipline - Self Control*' as we continue our study of what is known as 'The Sermon on the Mount'. In writing about the passage, we are looking at this morning one writer comments '*These are hard teachings, today as much as in the first century*'. I doubt anyone would disagree with that!

The challenge Jesus sets us living as we do in a hopelessly confused and damaged world with regard to sex, marriage and the whole spectrum of human relationships is immense. As we said at the outset of these studies, we often imagine we know what Jesus taught but then are shocked at times by what he actually said! It was no different with those who originally heard his teaching. What can those of us who claim to follow him today learn and discern from this 'hard teaching'?

**This evening** we continue with our series on *'Mountains of the Bible'* by looking at Mount Sinai where God met with Moses and delivered the law to the people of Israel. Christians worship a God who has spoken - and who speaks today. He is not silent!

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### **Lent Course**

We are meeting in the Church Lounge every Monday during Lent from **7.30pm**. We got off to a great start last Monday - it's not too late to join!

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### **Church Lunch**

This will be from around 11.30am after coffee is served after the morning service.

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### **World Day of Prayer**

#### **(formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)**

The service is at Larkfield Methodist Church on **Friday 1st March at 10.30**, followed by refreshments. This year's service was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine.

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### **Diary for w/c 25<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 24<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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### **Maundy Thursday**

On Maundy Thursday (March 28th) as part of our preparation for Easter we will be meeting for supper together - bread and soup followed by an informal service of Holy Communion. If you would like to come, please let Jane in the Church office know **BY THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH.**

Email: dittonchurch@btconnect.com

(There is no charge for this evening)

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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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### **New Noticeboards**

We hope you have noticed the new noticeboards - both in the churchyard and over at the Centre. The one at the Centre in particular we hope will enable us to more effectively advertise what is going on in the life of the Church.

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