

Next week –21st April 2024

Flower Rota Vacant

Cleaning Rota Sandie & Brenda

JAM Ruth & Katie

Coffee Pauline M & Pauline G

Services Sunday 21st April 2024

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: David Stevens
Matthew 6: 25-34

Praying: Jenny Stout

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Chris Williams

Reading: John Paul
John 20: 19-23

Praying: Giles Williams

Preaching: Stephen Kemp

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for the Church in Nigeria where Christians are constantly being attacked by militant Islam. Pray for families whose children have been kidnapped.

Pray for great wisdom by both national and local politicians in framing and potentially legislating in the area around 'extremism'. Pray for great care to be taken with regard to unintended consequences and pray we would hold as a country the great value of freedom of speech and expression.

Pray for the schools in our parish as they return from the Easter holiday.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen
life and serve you continually in righteousness and
truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen

Thought for the Week

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6 v 21

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 14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ian Smith
Matthew 6: 19-24 page 971

Praying: Brenda Smith

Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Giles Williams
John 20: 10-18 page 1089

Praying: Carol Wellbelove

Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we are back in Matthew chapter 6 and our theme is 'You are what you love'

This evening, we continue to explore the resurrection appearances of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John - we are looking at *Mary*.

New Programme Card
Please make sure you get a Summer Programme Card giving details of the Sunday services and other important events happening between now and the summer break.

Church AGM
Our AGM will be on **Sunday May 12th from around 11.30 - after coffee!** This is a key meeting in the life of the Church, and we hope that you will be there as we reflect on the past year and look forward to the challenges ahead. It is a good opportunity to encourage each other - your presence is important!

Church First Aiders
If someone is taken ill or is injured whilst on our church premises, it can be important that immediate assistance is provided to them. This can save lives and may prevent minor injuries becoming major ones.
We'd like to set up a team of first aiders, who are regular attenders of Church activities and would be willing to be on duty for the activities they attend on a rota basis. Training can be provided if needed. Those appointed would also have some responsibility for ensuring our first-aid boxes are appropriately stocked and incidents are recorded in the accident book. Basic Awareness safeguarding training would also be required for this role. Please contact Jane in the Church Office if you are interested in being involved.

Diary for w/c 14th April at St Peter's Church
Mon
7.00pm - **Prayer@7** – The Morris' home
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

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.

Church Away Day
The Church Away day will be on **Saturday 18th 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.
The cost for the day will be £25. This includes refreshments and lunch.
Please contact Jane in the church office to book your place **BY THURSDAY 9th MAY.**
(Please email if possible!)
Payment can be by Bank Transfer using **Away Day** as the reference.
The Church Bank Account Name: St Peters Ditton PCC
Account Number 00021526 Sort Code:40 52 40
Cash or cheques should be place in an envelope with **Name and Away Day written on the envelope** and handed to a steward.

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 28th April.
Baby food, nappies, toiletries are welcome as well as food products.

Eco Church
The Diocese of Rochester is encouraging us to go on an environmental journey and become an Eco Church. Free supporting resources are available, equipping us to express care for God's world and work towards a gold, silver or bronze award. We are looking for someone to lead on this project. Could this be your calling? You can find out more at
<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/ourfaithinaction/caringforgodscreation/eco-church>. Please speak to Ruth Campbell if you are interested.

Church Decoration
If the weather is dry, we will be looking to assemble a working party to begin painting and redecorating the inside of the church building. This is planned for mid-May.
Work will be at a low 00level so there will be no ladders involved. If you would like to help with any aspect of painting/ redecoration of the inside of the church building, please contact Jane in the Church Office.
