

Next week –7th April 2024

Flower Rota Easter

Cleaning Rota Yvonne

JAM No JAM

Coffee Brian & Liz

Services Sunday 7th April 2024

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Deirdre Johnson
Matthew 6: 9-15
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Simon Webley
John 20: 1-9
Praying: Julien Myles
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

As we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ pray for all those who are struggling in the sadness and darkness of their present situation. Pray that God the Holy Spirit will bring to them hope and light in the midst of their struggles.

Pray for all those charged with the responsibility of proclaiming Christ in the public square. Pray for all preachers and teachers of the faith - and for those who have a ministry of writing and work within the wider media.

Pray for all those taking holidays over the coming week that it may be a time of real spiritual refreshment.

The Collect

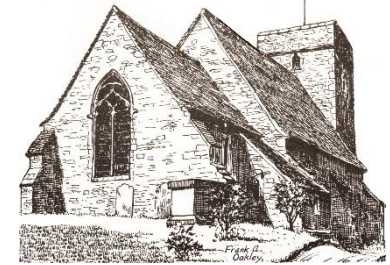
Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Thought for the Week

He said to them, " Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have . "

Luke 24 38-39

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 31st March 2024

Easter Day

10.00 am Easter Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Ruth Campbell
1 Corinthians 15:12-22 *page 1156*
Alan Warner
Luke 24: 36-43 *page 1062*
Praying: Steve Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Easter Praise

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Chris Williams
Matthew 28: 16-20 *page 1000*
Colossians 1: 15-20 *page 1182*
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Giles Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

Easter Day

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of Christian faith and belief. It was the resurrection that convinced the earliest followers of Jesus that he was who had claimed to be the Lord and Heaven and Earth. As the Gospel records make crystal clear 'they were overjoyed - **when they saw the Lord**'.

For the New Testament writers, the resurrection of Jesus is on a par with the creation of the world. It is God's sign in the midst of the rubble and darkness of so much of human history that he has not forgotten the world he made and came in Jesus to save but that the resurrection of His beloved Son points to the ultimate renewal of all things. He is with us and will stay with us until His kingdom comes in all its beauty and glory.

This morning we focus on the words of great comfort Jesus spoke to his disciples as they wrestled with what had happened to him - **'It is I myself! Touch me and see: a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have'**.

This evening, we conclude our series on *Mountains in the Bible* - by looking at what happened on *Mount Arbel* where it is believed Jesus gave his great commission to his disciples following his resurrection.

Thank you to everyone involved in decorating the Church for this great festival of Easter and making it look so delightful.

Next Sunday we resume our series *in the morning* on the Sermon on the Mount where we will be looking at the Lord's Prayer. *In the evening*, we begin a series of reflections from the Gospel of John on encounters people had with the risen Lord.

Diary for w/c 31st March at St Peter's Church
Wed
9.30am - 11.00am - **Crafty Coffee** - Golding Room

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. All welcome! Please keep a note of the date.

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!

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 Office
The Church Office will be closed for two weeks from Thursday 28th March.

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.

Thank you
To Tiphany Goldspink from Holy Trinity, Cannes who produced our Easter graphic in our service sheet this morning!