

**Next week –14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Flower Rota** Pauline G

**Cleaning Rota** John

**JAM** No JAM

**Coffee** Jane & David

**Services Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**10.00am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ian Smith

Matthew 6: 19-24

Praying: Brenda Smith

Preaching: Giles Williams

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Giles Williams

John 20: 10-18

Praying: Carol Wellbelove

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Give thanks for all who are involved in mediation and reconciliation with families. Pray for those whose family life is at present difficult and unpredictable.

Give thanks for the opportunity for holidays and time away to be renewed and refreshed.

Pray for the people of Haiti suffering violence and society wide collapse. Pray that those who wish to cause evil be thwarted and pray that there will be a movement on the island to restore justice and peace.

**The Collect**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and  
wickedness that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Thought for the Week**

*'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name'*

Matthew 6 v 9

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Second Sunday of Easter

**10.00 am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: Deirdre Johnson

Matthew 6: 9-15 page 970

Praying: Giles Williams

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Holy Communion**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ross Terranova

John 20: 1-9 page 1089

Praying: Julien Myles

Preaching: Ross Terranova

## Welcome to Our Services Today

**This morning**, we resume our studies in '*The Sermon on the Mount*' - our overall title for the series is '*Christian Counter-Culture*' for that is what the sermon is!

Today our focus is on '*The Lord's Prayer*' - the prayer that spans the world - as one preacher put it!

Jesus will speak later in this chapter about vital areas of human life such as what we do with our money and resources - and how we deal with anxiety and worry something often wrapped up with the former. As followers of Christ - and those listening and reading today to this prayer we are reminded that our view of life and how we cope with all that takes place must be surrounded in and bathed with prayer. The astonishing reality is that the God of Heaven and Earth is 'Our Father' if we have come to know him through faith and trust in his Son Jesus Christ. No other faith teaches this wonderful truth.

**This evening**, we begin a series called '**We have seen the Lord**' as we wrestle with the implications of the resurrection of Jesus looking at the accounts of his appearing to his disciples in *John 20 and 21*

**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.

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**Church AGM**

Our AGM will be on **Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

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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 28<sup>th</sup> April. Baby food, nappies, toiletries are welcome as well as food products.

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**Diary for w/c 7<sup>th</sup> April at St Peter's Church**

**Mon**

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

**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.

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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. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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