

Next week –28th April 2024

Flower Rota Yvonne

Cleaning Rota John

JAM Amanda & Karolyn

Coffee Steve & Ruth

Services Sunday 28th April 2024

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ian Cropper
Matthew 7:1-6

Praying: Steve Campbell

Preaching: Chris Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove

Reading: Kathy Mitchell
John 20: 24-31

Praying: Pauline Grimes

Preaching: John Paul

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for all the planning and preparation for our AGM on May 12th. Pray for a real sense of the presence of God as we meet together - reflecting on the past year and looking ahead to the future.

Pray for Kennedy as he seeks his first curacy. Pray for Soraya and the girls as they face another period of change.

Pray for all those seeking to find a way to a end to the violence in Gaza. Pray for a just and lasting peace.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Mission Prayer

CMJ

Praise God for the opportunities believers in Jesus have had to share their faith – pray that the seeds planted in hearts will bear fruit.

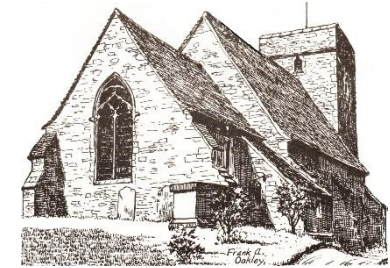
Pray for the leadership of Israel as they discuss the way forward. It is a difficult situation on all fronts – Gaza, West Bank, Rafah, Northern Border – so many decisions to make. Pray for God's strategic plan.

Thought for the Week

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6 v 33

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 21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: David Stevens
Matthew 6: 25-34 *page 971*

Praying: Jenny Stout

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: John Paul
John 20: 19-23 *page 1089*

Praying: Giles Williams

Preaching: Stephen Kemp

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we continue with our study in the *Sermon on the Mount* and our theme is **'Don't Worry'** from the end of chapter 6. Could there be a more appropriate or challenging word for our present generation? We hear on a daily basis about the mental health crisis afflicting our country –

and especially it would seem our children and young people. At the end of this month in London one of Americas top psychologists will be speaking about a book he has just written called '*The anxious generation*' which is about the mental health crisis affecting our children.

Maybe it is time as a country that we re-engaged with the teaching of Christ - and the glorious perspective that he brings to life? People in the first century faced different challenges but life then was in so many ways far harder and more brutal than that facing the average westerner.

What can we learn for ourselves from what Jesus said about worry? What can we learn from what he said about what should be the most important factor in our lives - and which will sustain amidst all the uncertainties of life in this world? (v 33)

This evening our theme is '*Being Sent*' as we continue to explore the post resurrection of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John.

Church Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is our record of who considers themselves to be a member of St Peters Ditton. If you worship here regularly - **you should be on the roll!** If you are not on the roll, can we encourage you to sign a form today? The roll will be open for the next 3 Sundays in preparation for our AGM on **May 12th**.

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!

New Opportunities

We are looking for a new Electoral Roll officer to be responsible for keeping the register up to date. We are also looking for somebody to take over Safer Recruitment within our church. This would involve occasional catch ups with Ruth Campbell as well as ensuring that DBS checks are kept up to date. Please contact Jane in the Office if you would like to know more about these roles.

Diary for w/c 21st 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

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. 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 let Jane know if you have any food allergies/intolerances!** 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 Pilsden Community.

The next date for collection will be Sunday 28th April. Baby food, nappies, toiletries are welcome as well as food products.

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.

Thank you

Kerry West from the Kerry West orphanage project would like to thank the crafty coffee members for sending a large bag of knitted goods and red jumpers for their orphaned children's school uniform. She is very grateful and appreciates the support of Saint Peter's church members. For further information about the project please see: [www. Kworphans.com](http://www.Kworphans.com)

Open Air Service

This will be on **June 23rd - at 11am**. Could you please put the date in your diary and make every effort to be there?

The more of us who are there - the more possible it will be to welcome those who dont normally come to Church!

Our Pre-School will be involved so it will be great to give the children and their families a very special welcome.

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.

Church Family News

We extend our love and our prayers to Janice Cordwell whose husband Bill died on Monday morning.
