

Next week –5th May 2024

Flower Rota Vacant

Cleaning Rota Liz N

JAM Amanda & Katie

Coffee Caroline & Mark

Services Sunday 5th May 2024

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Caroline Gibbons
Matthew 7:7-12
Praying: Chris Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Chris Williams
John 21: 1-14
Praying: Liz Nicolaides
Preaching: Giles Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for all the planning and preparation for the Away Day on May 18th. Pray for Nick Williams as he prepares to his talks for the day.

Give thanks for Tim and Beth Yearsley in their work in Nottingham. Pray for Tim in his work with young adults across the country in his work for the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. Pray for Beth in her work amongst students at Nottingham University.

Pray for our Open-Air Service on **June 23rd**. Pray for a positive response from Pre-School for involvement in the service.

The Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Thought for the Week

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged"

Matthew 7 v 1

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 28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: John Paul
Matthew 7: 1-6 page 971
Praying: Steve Campbell
Preaching: Chris Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Kathy Mitchell
John 20: 24-31 page 1089
Praying: Pauline Grimes
Preaching: John Paul

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we move into chapter 7 of Matthews Gospel - and the final chapter of the teaching of Jesus in what is called '*The Sermon on the Mount*'. Our theme this morning is '*Judging others*'. We live in many ways in what can be described as a 'split culture'. We are told that to be judgemental is a terrible thing and yet

our news and current affairs programmes - and so much of what we read online and in social media is often very judgemental! What did Jesus mean when he said '*Do not judge, or you too will be judged*'?

This evening, we continue with our study of the post- resurrection appearances of Jesus recorded in the Gospel; of John as we look at the wonderful story of the appearing of Jesus to **Thomas**.

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 and also somebody to take over Safer Recruitment. 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.

Staff Vacancy at Pre School

Ditton Church Pre School have a new staff vacancy for a Deputy Manager/Leader of Learning. The position would require the applicant to be Level 3 qualified and with two years' experience of working in an early year's setting. Please contact pre-school for further information:

info@dittonchurchpreschool.org

Diary for w/c 28th April at St Peter's Church

Mon

7.00pm - **Prayer@7** – The Golding Room

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

8.00pm – **Small Group** – Brampton Fields

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 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 26th May.

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 level 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 anybody wanting any information about the Project and the orphans please see

<https://www.kworphan.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 don't 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.

Ride & Stride

You are warmly invited to attend our choral evensong service on Saturday 21 September at 3.30pm in all Saints Church, Maidstone. The service will be the focal point of The Friends of Kent Churches 75th anniversary and The Friends hope Ride and Stride will have a good presence!

A prayer has been specifically commissioned for the service and it is expected that music will be commissioned to enrich the worship.

All Saints would be delighted to see a good turnout - as would The Friends! If you are able to come, please email your name and the number of people, if any, accompanying you to: frofkch@outlook.com
