

Next week 8th September 2024

Flower Rota Vacant. Thank you to Val Clay who regularly fills our Vacant spots!

Cleaning Rota John

JAM Amanda & Kim

Coffee Brian & Liz

Musician Karen

Services Sunday 8th September 2024

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Amanda Harris

Luke 2: 25-32 & 2 Corinthians 4: 16-5:5

Praying: Chris Williams

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Ross Terranova

Psalm 95

Praying: Ross Terranova

Preaching: Giles Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for the PCC as it meets on Sep 9th
Pray for fresh thinking around how to engage with our community so we might see growth in numbers.

Pray for our country still reeling from the riots of early August. Pray for those in positions of responsibility that they might speak wisely. Pray for healing in places torn apart by violence especially thinking of the people of Southport.

Pray for those in our Church family who have lost a loved one in recent months. Pray they might know the love of God sustaining them in their grief.

Pray for our Pre-School as they begin a new term. Pray especially for the staff and committee as they support children and families in our local community.

The Collect

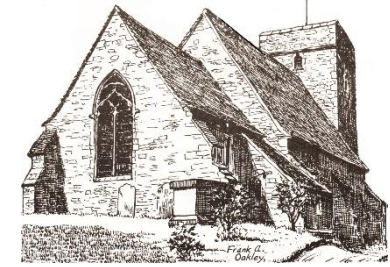
Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

*Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;
hear me and answer me.*

Psalm 55 v 1-2

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 1st September 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Caroline Gibbons

Psalm 55 page 575

Praying: Julien Myles

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: Steve Campbell

1 Corinthians 9:23-27 page 1151

Praying: Liz Nicolaides

Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

Welcome to the Autumn!

The poet **Keats** referred to this season as 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. Let us pray that as a Church community we know it as a season of fruitfulness rather than one of mists!

During the Autumn on Sunday mornings our two main preaching series will be on **Psalm 23 and 1 Corinthians**.

The next 2 Sunday mornings we are looking at two challenging areas of modern life which are often in the news.

Today we turn our attention to the subject of 'Anxiety' and to help us in this we are going to reflect on **Psalm 55**. *Next Sunday morning* we return to the deeply controversial area of 'Assisted Dying' as further attempts will be made shortly to legalise this in the UK. The newly elected Government has promised a free vote in Parliament on this issue in due course.

On Sunday evenings in September and early October our series is

'Practicing the Christian Life'. What does that mean? What is involved?

This evening, we start by looking at the area of *Self - Control*.

Please take a copy of the Autumn Programme Card with you today!

Church Building

We owe a huge debt of thanks to *Alan Warner and John Paul* who have overseen very significant work on the building over these past 5 years. These include new gutters and soakaways, plastering work - major repairs to the roof and the decorating of the building. The work was done to combat major damp problems which were threatening the future of the building. I think we can all agree that it is a job well done!

Gift Day

Thank you for your generosity to our Gift Day! We have received just over £19,000 This will be used for improvements to the Church Centre building.

Diary for w/c 1st September at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Mon

9.00am-3.30pm - **Pre School** – Church Centre

Wed

9.30am -11.00am - **Crafty Coffee** – Roma's

Ride and Stride

This takes place on September 14th. Pauline Grimes is looking for sponsors! Please speak to her today if you would like to sponsor her.

Food Bank

Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Bank. These will be delivered to West Malling. The next date for collection will be Sunday 6th October. Baby food, nappies, toiletries are welcome as well as food products.

Church Administrator

Jane Beldham will be standing down from her work in the office at the **end of September**. If you are interested in exploring what the job involves, please speak with Ross and he will be able to give you some information.

We are enormously grateful to Jane for all she has done in the office over the past 7 years!

Prayer@7

Prayer is the lifeblood of any church and the value we place on prayer indicates much about our understanding of God and the Christian life. Prayer reminds us that the Church is primarily a spiritual society - we can plan, we can organise but unless God empowers us, we will not get very far!

Prayer@7 meets each *Monday evening at 7pm* in the **Golding room** in the Church Centre. Our focus is primarily on our local situation. We meet for about half an hour and usually use as a basis for prayer a shortened version of Evening Prayer.

We would be delighted if you would join us!

Rotas

We would appreciate help in all areas with the rota. If you would like to help with serving refreshments, reading, praying, cleaning or in any way, please contact the Church Office.

Thank you

Church Office

The office will reopen on 12th September

Shoebox Appeal 2024

This year we will be supporting the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal again. The appeal is run by a Christian charity who have been running since 1992 and since then have delivered just over 1,000,000 boxes to families living in Eastern Europe. They support families and the elderly, so all family members benefit from receiving a gift. Leaflets are at the back of the church. You can bring your filled boxes to the morning service on **3rd November** at 10am. If you don't want to do a whole box but would like to buy a few items, we will be collecting these and packing boxes in the Church Centre, on **Saturday 2nd November 10am to 12noon**. Please do **not** attach the transportation money to your box, this can be put in an envelope and handed to Judith or Jane in the office, or you can pay online. If you would like to help in any way please let Judith Boarer know.

Thank you www.linktohope.co.uk