

Next week 15th September 2024

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

Cleaning Rota John

JAM Amanda & Karolyn

Coffee Brenda & Ian

Musician Justin

Services Sunday 15th September 2024

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Jenny Stout
Psalm 23: 1-3

Praying: Pauline Matthews

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove

Reading: John Paul
Ephesians 5: 18-21

Praying: Pauline Grimes

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for the schools as they return after summer. Pray for our links with Junior, Infant and Pre-School. Pray for wisdom and imagination in developing those links as real opportunities for the Gospel.

Pray for our JAM group (Jesus and Me) as they head into the Autumn term. Pray for those who lead, the young people and children who are involved - and for new people to join.

Ross is planning to lead a 'Hope Explored' Course in October. Pray that as he invites people to that there will be a positive response.

Mission Prayer (Tearfund)

The Diocese of Jerusalem has asked that we:

- Pray for an end to violence – and that God protects all from harm, especially those who have been directly affected by this crisis.
- Pray that God gives strength to workers and volunteers providing life-saving services to all those affected during this critical time.
- Pray for full comfort for those who have lost their loved ones.

The Collect

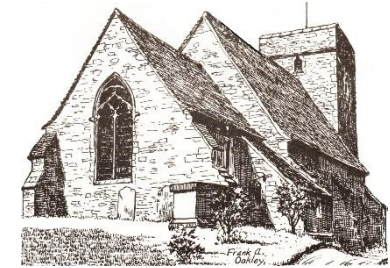
God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

*Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker*

Psalm 95 v 6

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 8th September 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Amanda Harris

Luke 2:25-32 & 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5
pages 1028 & 1161

Praying: Chris Williams

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Ross Terranova

Psalm 95 *page 602*

Praying: Ross Terranova

Preaching: Giles Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we are looking at the complex and fraught area of 'Assisted Dying' - the term often used is euthanasia. At present the law in the UK forbids anyone assisting another person to end their own life but in recent years there have been many attempts to change the law.

Recently many countries have started allowing this - recently both the Netherlands and Canada have legalised the practice - not without great controversy.

We live in a country where increasing numbers of people are living to a great age - often in very poor health- and with finite medical resources. We are living in a culture which champions above almost everything else personal autonomy - my right to choose.

How should we deal with issues surrounding suffering and death?

What principles can we glean from the Bible and from the faithful witness of Christians down through the centuries?

This evening, in our series on Practicing the Christian Life we will be looking at the whole question of *Worship* as we explore **Psalm 95**.

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

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest service is on

Sunday October 6th at 10.00am.

As usual please bring goods to the service which will be taken to the foodbank at Pilsdon.

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!

Diary for w/c 8th 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** – Golding Room

9.00am - **Junior School Assembly** – School

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!

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

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.

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!

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