

Next week
20th October 2024

Flower Rota Yvonne

Cleaning Rota Liz

JAM Ruth & Karolyn

Coffee Gill & Ian

Musician

Services Sunday 20th October 2024

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Alan Warner

1 Corinthians 1:18 - Chapter 2:5

Praying: Pauline Matthews

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Kathy Mitchell
Romans 12: 9-21

Praying: Chris Williams

Preaching: Steve Campbell

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray on for all those suffering from the tragedy of war in the middle East. In the midst of a bleak and desperate situation, pray that there will be a breakthrough and a way opened for people from all sides to move to a less violent position.

As Parliament prepares to debate the “assisted dying bill” pray for our nation that we will continue to protect the most vulnerable in our society and be aware of the profound dangers in proposed changes to existing law.

Give thanks for last week's celebration of Harvest for our JAM group and their wonderful contribution through the cake sale.

Pray for those who will receive goods brought to the church.

Mission Prayer (CMJ)

A quote from Daryl Fenton, CEO for CMJ:

“The war, whether widened or simply dealing with the long tail of suffering it created, will continue to plague the people of Israel for months, if not years to come. The needs will be great, and the economy deeply damaged, but the ministry opportunities enormous. Please implore the Lord to give us intercessors and donors to continue responding to the needs of the people of the Land once the headline hostilities end.”

The Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Thought for the Week

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel - not with words of wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power

1 Corinthians 1: 17

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 13th October 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Morning prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ian Cropper

1 Corinthians 1: 1-17, page 1144

Praying: Julien Myles

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: Carol Wellbelove

Galatians 5: 16-26, page 1172

Praying: Chris Williams

Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we begin a series on 1 Corinthians a letter to a Church in Greece which St Paul established and a church he had at times a somewhat fraught relationship with!

It's a letter which has the famous *chapter 13* in it "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but don't have love" and chapter 15 - the great chapter on the resurrection of Christ. But the rest of this powerful and challenging letter is not really well known at all. So, over the coming months, with some breaks, we will be exploring and studying all of it. The Church at Corinth was gifted and far from perfect - made up of men and women like you and me seeking to follow Jesus Christ in a society which either didn't understand what on the earth the Christian faith was - or sought to ridicule it. Paul clearly loves them but does not hold back in speaking the truth to them.

The challenge for us - the Church here in Ditton? Will we humbly and lovingly submit ourselves to Apostolic teaching, even when it challenges our most deeply held beliefs? Even if it puts us at odds with many of the people we know? How we do this with love and humility will be the supreme challenge for the Church not just in Ditton but in the UK in these coming years.

This evening, we continue our series on "Practicing the Christian Life". This evening our theme from Galatians 5 is '*Led by the Spirit*'.

Get it in your diary! The Big Quiz Night, on Saturday 16th November, 7.30 to 9.30 pm.

All welcome, all ages, all good fun. The Tearfund Big Quiz evening at the Church Centre will raise money for Tearfund's development work around the world. Invite your friends and neighbours and meet new people.

Entrance: £5 per adult (under-18s free)
Every pound we raise will support Tearfund's "Transforming Communities" programme, helping local churches around the world lead their communities out of extreme poverty and into a sustainable future.

* Bring your own drinks and nibbles*
More details from Giles

For more information about Tearfund's work, visit www.tearfund.org

Diary for w/c 13th October at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Mon

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

Wed

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

9.30am -11.00am - **Crafty Coffee** – Golding Room

They Sang - A Pre-Advent Course

We will be meeting on the *4 Monday evenings* in November in the **Church Centre Lounge at 7.30pm.**

This is a course based on the four songs in the Nativity story and we hope will be an inspirational time as we prepare for Advent and Christmas.

We shall be looking at:

Zechariah's song (The Benedictus)

Mary's song (The Magnificat)

The Song of the Angels (Gloria in Excelsis)

Simeon's song (The Nunc Dimittis)

Please join with us - the first evening is on November 4th

Theatre Trip

The Willington Players are performing Terrence Rattigan's play, 'Flare Path' at the Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone from Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th November. Any tickets bought through the Church will bring a double bonus of giving you an excellent evening of entertainment AND raising funds for the Church. There is a Church party going on Wednesday 6 November, 7.30pm. Please see Ruth Campbell to book your tickets, which cost £17 each.

Ride & Stride

Riders Andy Boarer with his sister Angela and strider Pauline Grimes have raised over £600 between them. Half the amount they raised will be given back to St. Peter's.

Very many thanks to all who sponsored them.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your support for JAM's Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised £240 on the day! If you were unable to be there, you can still donate by going to: <https://www.justgiving.com/CM24076360>. Thank you!

Ladies' Lunch

The next Ladies' Lunch will be on Thursday 17th October 12.30pm at the Wealden Hall. All are welcome! Please let Ruth Campbell (01732 522201) know if you are coming by Monday 14 October.

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 Carolyn 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
