

Next week
27th October 2024

Flower Rota Val Clay

Cleaning Rota Yvonne

JAM No JAM

Coffee Vacant

Musician Justin

Services Sunday 27th October 2024

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Chris Williams

Reading: Ian Smith
1 Corinthians 2: 6-16

Praying: Brenda Smith

Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove

Reading: Steve Campbell
Hebrews 13: 1-14

Praying: Pauline Grimes

Preaching: Julien Myles

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Prayer Themes for the Week

The war in Sudan rages on with not much coverage in our media. Now a cholera epidemic threatens. Pray for a cessation to the violence and for those seeking to stop the spread of this disease.

Give thanks for our JAM (Jesus and Me) group which meets on Sunday mornings. Pray for those children and young people who meet each week that they may be built up in their love for and faith in Jesus.

Pray for a brilliant response to our Tear Fund Quiz.

Mission Prayer (CPAS)

Pray that God will guide the CPAS team as they equip local churches to reach men, women and children with the wonderful news of Jesus.

Pray for Charles Burgess, Jo McKee, Mat Ineson and Matt Hogg as they lead training sessions in the week ahead.

Pray for the Patronage team as they seek to assist churches in the search and appointment of new clergy.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

1 Corinthians 1 v 21

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 20th October 2024

Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Alan Warner
1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:v5, page 1144

Praying: Pauline Matthews

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Kathy Mitchell
Romans 12: 9 - 21

Praying: Ross Terranova

Preaching: Steve Campbell

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue our series in 1 Corinthians which we began last Sunday. Our theme is "*The Foolishness of God - Christ Crucified*". In this remarkable section of his letter to this Church in Greece which he had

established Paul reminds them of the very centre and heart of what it means to be a Christian.

The Cross of Jesus Christ stands at its heart - but what does it actually mean? To many in the first century the idea that God should reveal himself through the suffering and dying of a crucified man was simply ridiculous and absurd. The ancient world, like the world of our day, looked to “wisdom” or “power” as ways of rescue. For Paul, Jesus crucified was both the power and wisdom of God! **So how are we to keep the message of the Cross central in the life of our Church?**

This evening, we continue with our series on “*Practicing the Christian Life*”. Our theme is “*Community Building*”

Assisted Dying Bill

A debate is scheduled on Friday November 29th on the question of allowing assisted dying to be made legal in the UK.

There are many (the Rector of Ditton included) who believe that any attempts to change the present law to allow this practice to take place would be a dangerous thing for our country to allow. Ross presented a paper on this issue to a Church meeting earlier in the year outlining some of the major concerns around a change in the law.

If you also feel the same way now is the time to write to your MP and ask them to oppose any changes in legislation.

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

Diary for w/c 20th 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

Wed

8.00pm - **Small group** – Brampton Field

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

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 raised a grand total of £756 between them. A fantastic achievement! Half the amount they raised will be given to St Peter's and the other half goes to the charity Friends of Kent Churches charity which awards grants to Kent's churches and chapels to help preserve them.

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!

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
