

Next week
3rd November 2024

Flower Rota Val Clay

Cleaning Rota Sandie

JAM No JAM

Coffee Amanda

Musician Karen

Services Sunday 3rd November 2024

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Amanda Harris

Praying: Giles Williams

Preaching: Jane Moxon

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: Giles Williams
Hebrews 13: 1-14

Praying: Julien Myles

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for all members of Parliament as they consider over the coming month all that is involved around the proposed change in legislation on 'assisted dying'.

Pray for the Chancellor of the Exchequer and her treasury team as they put the finishing touches to the long-awaited budget. Pray that measures announced will not have a detrimental impact on the poorest and most vulnerable in our country.

With the killing of the leader of Hamas pray for a new opening to be forged to start the path back to a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon.

Mission Prayer (Tearfund)

As Tearfund celebrate 10 years of working in the Central African Republic, faithful giving and prayers are helping to transform lives and return hope to a country that has been shaken by years of conflict and poverty.

Give thanks that God is at work in Bambari, transforming lives and bringing change to the community. Please pray for Pastor Pierre and his family; pray for strength and wisdom as he leads the church in Bambari and makes plans for the future.

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2 v 14

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 27th October 2024

Last Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Chris Williams

Reading: Ian Smith

1 Corinthians 2: 6-16, page 1145

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

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue to explore 1 *Corinthians* a letter written by St Paul to a church he had founded in Greece in the bustling cosmopolitan seaport of Corinth. It was a Church

full of life and gifts but in so many ways very dysfunctional - and facing huge challenges from the surrounding culture. Like the Churches of the West today! In these closing verses of the second chapter Paul continues his teaching on where true Christian wisdom is to be found. For Paul wisdom is not to be found in lofty speech and high-sounding rhetoric - which had so captivated the Corinthians - but was to be found in the message of the crucified Christ. It is a message as Paul explains which is foolishness to many as he himself puts it:

“None of the rulers of this age it, for if they had they would not have understood crucified the Lord of Glory”.

This evening we conclude our series on “Practicing the Christian Life” - our theme is “Hospitality”.

Next Sunday morning we are welcoming Jane Moxon as our visiting preacher from **CMJ (Church's Ministry Amongst Jewish People)**.

In the evening, we begin a short series of sermons from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Remembrance Sunday - Nov 10th. Like last year the service will be **in Church** at the earlier start time of **9.45am**

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.

Diary for w/c 27th October at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Wed

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

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. Teams are to be 6 – 8 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

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.

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2024

It's not too late to pack a shoebox! There are leaflets and boxes at the back of the church if you need them. You can bring your filled boxes to the morning service on **3rd November** at 10am, JAM will be collecting your boxes during the service and bringing them up to the front. 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. We will be packing extra boxes in the Church Centre, on **Saturday 2nd November 10am to 12noon**. If you would like to help, please let Judith Boarer know. Thank you www.linktohope.co.uk

Message from Jane Beldham

Jane would like to thank everyone for their kind words, support and gifts given to her at the morning service last week. It was a lovely surprise and much appreciated!
