

Next week
17th November 2024

Flower Rota Val Clay

Cleaning Rota Yvonne

JAM Amanda & Katie

Coffee Carolyn & Kieron

Musician Justin

Services Sunday 17th November 2024

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: Pauline Matthews *1 Corinthians 3*

Praying: Jenny Stout

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Chris Williams
Jeremiah 20

Praying: Carol Wellbelove

Preaching: Giles Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

In the aftermath of the US Presidential Election pray for the people of the USA. Pray especially that there will be a peaceful acceptance of the result.

Give thanks for the peace we enjoy in this country. Pray for UK servicemen and women in the work they do at home and abroad in keeping and maintaining the peace.

Pray for those in Parliament who on Nov 29th will be voting on whether to allow assisted dying legislation to go through. Pray that our nation will be a place where the rights of the vulnerable and the dying will always be protected.

Mission Prayer (Tearfund)

Over the past year, conflict in the Middle East has devastated lives across the region and millions have fled their homes in search of safety.

In Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon, local churches and Tearfund's partners are responding to people's urgent needs and providing life-saving aid. Pray that God's peace would fill the hearts and minds of everyone who is suffering as a result of this conflict.

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

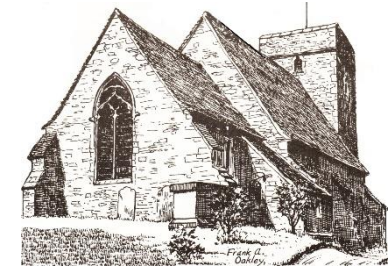
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,

Thought for the Week

'And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nation'

Revelation 22 v 2b

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 10th November 2024

Second Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Morning prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove

Reading: Julien Myles
Jeremiah 8:18 to 9:16 & v23-24 *page 766 OT*

Praying: Giles Williams

Preaching: Chris Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

Remembrance Sunday

This morning, we gather to give thanks to God for the peace we enjoy in this country - a peace which came at a terrible cost in the great wars of the last century. We meet, though all too conscious of a world where there is still so much war and violence and for many the experience of bottomless suffering. So today we continue to pray for areas of our world where there is conflict

and where the prospects for peace seem bleak - and we must pray for ourselves that wherever we are we might be agents of peace to all those we meet.

This evening, we continue with our series on the book of Jeremiah - our theme is ' *Let Your Heart be Broken*'

Reading & Praying Rota

We are about to begin preparing the rotas for **January to April 2025**. Please email Carolyn in the Church Office as soon as possible if you know of any dates you will **not** be available.

New opportunities for rotas

The new year is the perfect time to get more involved with the many important roles, week by week, here at St Peter's Church.

Would you be willing to join/rejoin the rota for any of the following: **reading, praying, reading a pre-written prayer, serving coffee/tea after morning services, flowers, operating the audio-visual equipment?**

Please email Carolyn in the Church Office as soon as possible if you would like to be involved.

Carol Singing

We will be singing in the parish on **Tuesday December 10th** meeting on the village green at 7pm. Please join us if you can and if anyone can provide refreshments afterwards that would be greatly appreciated!

Ladies' Luncheon

The next ladies' lunch will take place on Wednesday 20th November 2024, 12.30pm at Wealden Hall.

All are welcome!

Please let Ruth know if you are coming by Sunday 17th November.

Diary for w/c 10th November at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

7.30pm- They Sang – pre-Advent Course, Church Centre

Mon-Thurs

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

Wed

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

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

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.

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

The Tearfund Big Quiz evening at the Church Centre will raise money for Tearfund's development work around the world. 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.

All welcome, all ages, all good fun. Invite your friends and neighbours and meet new people. Teams of 6 – 8 people. Entrance: £5 per adult (under-18s free)

* Bring your own drinks and nibbles*

Please let Giles know you are coming if you haven't already! 07421 236399

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

Link To Hope Shoebox Appeal

A big thank you to everyone that knitted, filled a box, made a donation, shopped and helped with the packing day. The Infant and Junior schools held non-uniform days to raise some money for us and Crafty Coffee made a large donation to help towards transport costs. We also had some wonderful gifts from Pre-school and people in the community. We were able to pack 59 boxes last Saturday and now have 80 boxes to send to Eastern Europe. So many lives will be blessed by your gifts. Thank you so much.

If you would like to read more stories about the people that the boxes go to then check out the delivery diaries on the website.

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-delivery-diary-2023/>

Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training

On Sunday 24th November (12.00 – 3.00pm) there will be a light fellowship lunch followed by Basic awareness Safeguarding training.

All are welcome!

This training is **recommended** for everyone in the congregation and is a **requirement every 3 years** for anyone who takes on any role or responsibility within the Church. Please let Ruth Campbell know if you intend coming so she can cater appropriately. Thank you!

Man of Straw by John Cunningham

A Story in Song and Word at **Pilsdon** on **Saturday 30th November 7.00pm.**

Free entry with retiring collection.

A homeless man thought to be of no worth by society goes on to make a real difference in someone else's life and ultimately his own. Everyone mentioned within the story are real people that John has known throughout his work and life. Only the main character is a fiction however he could be anyone.