

Next week  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Flower Rota

Cleaning Rota John

JAM Ruth & Karolyn

Coffee JAM Group?

Musician Karen

Services Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**10.00am** Morning Prayer  
Led by the Worship Team

**6.30pm** Holy Communion  
Leading: Ross Terranova  
Reading: Steve Campbell John 3: 1-8  
Praying: Julien Myles  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for MPs debating the proposed change in the law with regard to assisted dying. Pray that the weak and vulnerable will be protected.

Following the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury pray for the future direction of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion. Pray for a Church which is faithful to the Bible and to the teachings of Jesus and committed to getting that message out across the UK.

Mission Prayer

Give thanks for the work of Tear Fund and their transforming community's project.

The Collect

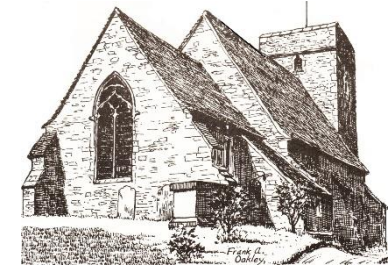
Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

*"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk  
but of power"*

1 Cor 4 v 20

# 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 24th November 2024

Sunday next before Advent

**10.00 am** Morning Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove  
Reading: Ian Cropper  
1 Corinthians 4  
Praying: Chris Williams  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm** Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova  
Reading: Kathy Mitchell  
Jeremiah 37: 11-17, page 801  
38: 4-6 & 14-18  
Praying: John Paul  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

### Welcome to Our Services Today Safeguarding Sunday

**This morning**, we continue our study of 1 Corinthians. We are looking at chapter 4 under the heading of "Servants of Christ- Faithful not flashy". This is essentially how Paul describes the work he did in Corinth and the type of

leadership he exercised.

Christians have to make important decisions all the time about who or what is influencing them. Today we even talk about “*Influencers* . Do we need to make any changes to the examples we follow or the example we provide?

**This evening** we conclude our brief study in the book of Jeremiah. Our theme is “*Persevere in Obedience*” as we explore sections of chapters 37 and 38.

**Assisted Dying Bill**

The debate is set for this 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.**

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**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.

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**More opportunities for rotas**

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.

**Diary for w/c 24<sup>th</sup> 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

**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!

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**The Big Quiz**

A huge thank you to **Giles and Chris Williams** for organising the quiz which was a delightful occasion. We raised over £200 for Tear Fund and counting! Thank you!

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**Safeguarding Sunday**

Safeguarding rightly has a central role in the life of our Church and we are enormously grateful for the superb work that **Ruth Campbell** is doing in this area not only in our parish but in her wider role in the Diocese of Rochester as Safeguarding trainer. In the light of the Makin report and the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury we have been reminded again of just how crucial safeguarding is. We want to see a Church where people feel safe and supported to speak out when something does not seem right; a Church where those in leadership always act for the sake of truth and justice, not for reputation, a Church where all can flourish and enjoy life in all its fullness as God intends.

**Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training**

**TODAY** - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

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**Christmas Services Invitation Card**

You will find in the pews an **invitation card** to the Christmas services. **Please take one (or more)** home with you and invite someone to one of the services at St Peter's this Christmas. We will be using these cards to invite people when we go Carol singing on December 10th.

**Christmas Services**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Carol Service 6pm

**Christmas Eve**  
Carols on the Green at 4.30pm  
“Midnight” Communion 11.00pm

**Christmas Day**  
10am Christmas Praise

