

**Next week –26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Cleaning Rota** John

**JAM** Ruth & Karolyn

**Coffee** Mei & Judith G

**Music** Justin

**Services Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**10.00am Morning Service**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Pauline Matthews  
1 Corinthians 10-11 v1

Praying: Pat Holmes

Preaching: Giles Williams

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Chris Williams  
Malachi 2:1-9

Praying: Giles Williams

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Pray for all those affected by the fires in Los Angeles. Pray that the many Churches in that city will be given the strength to help and minister to those in desperate need.

Pray for the work of MADM (Making a Difference in Maidstone). Pray that their visit to us on Feb 2nd will be a great blessing to them and to us as we forge a new partnership together.

Give thanks for our small groups and for their vital ministry of study fellowship and pastoral support. Pray for their growth and development.

**The Collect**

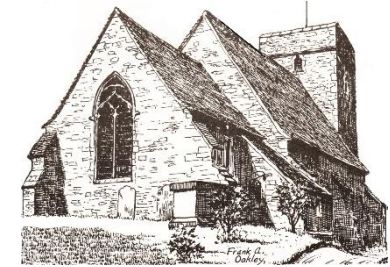
Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Thought for the Week**

For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"). yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

**1 Cor 8: 5-6**

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

The second Sunday of Epiphany

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: John Paul  
1 Corinthians 8-9 v6, page 1149

Praying: Jenny Stout

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Simon Webley  
Malachi 1:6-14, page 960

Praying: Steve Campbell

Preaching: Giles Williams

## Welcome to Our Services Today

**This morning**, as we continue to study 1 Corinthians are there is "On *laying down your rights*" from 1 Corinthians, chapter 8. The problem that Paul addresses may seem remote

to us - whether Christians should eat food designated to idol worship - but the principle behind it is not. How do we live as Christians in a way that doesn't offend or cause distress to our fellow believers? Do we even think about such issues at all? Paul is again addressing questions of how Christians are to live in a pagan culture something which he focuses on particularly in chapters 8 through to 10.

**This evening**, we continue our series in the last book of the Old Testament the book of Malachi. Our theme is "Don't despise Me" from the last part of chapter 1.

### Treasurer for St Peter's

We are still looking for someone who will take on the responsibility of being treasurer for us. Could that be you? Do you know anyone who you think could do it?

At present John, one of our Churchwardens, is standing in in this role but with all the other responsibilities he has does not want to continue doing it! Please think and pray.

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### Au revoir et bon voyage for one month

Giles has been asked to act as "locum minister" at St Mark's Church in Versailles near Paris for the four Sundays in February. That also involves taking Sunday evening services at St Paul's in Gif-sur-Yvette, (about 15 miles further south).

These are the churches where he and Chris did a 6-week "locum" in 2023. They're part of the Church of England's Diocese in Europe and most of the services are held in English.

The Brampton Field Home Group will meet as planned for their two meetings in February.

We pray especially for God's blessings on Giles and Chris during this time and wish them both well.

### Diary for w/c 19<sup>th</sup> January at St Peter's Church

#### Mon

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

#### 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

#### Thurs

8.00pm – Whiffen Walk Small Group

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### Spring Programme Card

If you haven't yet had one, please take a copy of the Spring Programme Card available at the back of the church. It gives details of what is happening on Sundays between now and Easter and also some of the other events taking place. Please use this for prayer and information.

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### Making a Difference in Maidstone

We are looking forward to welcoming guest speakers from Making a Difference to Maidstone (MADM) to our morning service on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.

As MADM is our new mission agency which we are now supporting, it would be good if as many of us as possible could be here to support them and hear about their work.

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### Electoral Roll Revision

Later in the Spring we will need to totally revise the Electoral Roll which means that *everybody* will need to submit a form! This is something which is done every six years. More details will follow!

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### Men's Lunch

There will be a Men's lunch on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February meeting at 12 noon at the King and Queen in East Malling**. Please let Carolyn in the Church office know if you are coming **no later than Wednesday Jan 29th**.

### Churches Together in Malling (CTiM)

Here is an update on events in the Malling District for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are welcome:

#### **Tues 21 Jan: Larkfield & East Malling**

**Methodist Church:** join them in the Welcome Area at the front of the church at 10.30am for a reflective service. Prayer Stations will be set up within the church followed by a fellowship meat and cheese salad lunch at 12.30pm.

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am - 1pm All Saints Church Wouldham** are hosting the exploration of a Bible passage. Soup and bread will be served.

#### **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 4 pm: St Peter & St Paul's Church, Leybourne are hosting the CTiM United Service**

Everyone is invited to join for this celebration to mark the end of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme will be "Do you believe this" from John 11:26 Refreshments will be available after the service.

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### Giving at St Peter's

We encourage everyone who considers St Peter's to be their Church to give regularly if they are able, to the work and ministry of the Church not just in our community but also so that we can fulfil our commitments to our Mission partners.

If you would like to set up a regular Direct payment, please contact your bank directly to arrange this. Gift Aid forms are available in church.

The Church Bank Account Name: St Peters Ditton PCC  
Account Number 00021526 Sort Code:40 52 40

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### Food Bank

Thank you for your food bank donations. These will be delivered to the Pilsden Community. The next date for collection will be on **26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Baby food, nappies, toiletries are welcome as well as food products.