

Next week – 9th February 2025

Cleaning Rota Brenda & Sandie

JAM Amanda & Katie

Coffee Brenda & Ian

Music Karen

Services Sunday 9th February 2025

10.00am Morning Service

Leading: Carol Wellbelove

Reading: Carolyn McMahon

1 Corinthians 11: 2-26

Praying: Ruth Campbell

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Service

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: John Paul

Malachi 2: 17 to 3:6

Praying: Pauline Grimes

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for those working in the frontline with children and young people - especially dealing with the challenges of social media and widespread access to knives and drugs.

Pray for families dealing with the trauma of violence.

Give thanks for the work of MADM (Making a Difference to Maidstone). Pray that their Christian witness in the town may make a real impact.

Thank God for the work going on with our children and young people in JAM (Jesus and Me). Pray for the Pancake Party on March 1st

Mission Prayer (MADM)

"Everyone should be able to live in freedom and be treated with dignity, respect, and love regardless of circumstances. This influences every aspect of how the charity works."

Pray for Making a Difference to Maidstone who are committed to improving our society, so that it more closely reflects God's kingdom and values.

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the
Temple,

in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"*
Matthew 25 v 35

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 2nd February 2025
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10.00 am Morning Service

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Julien Myles

Matthew 25: 31-46, *page 995*

Praying: Ross Terranova

Preaching: Nigel Downes and Rob Foley

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Carol Wellbelove

Malachi 2: 10-16, *page 961*

Praying: Liz Nicolaides

Preaching: Chris Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

A warm welcome to Making a Difference in Maidstone (MADM) our new mission partners. We are delighted that Nigel Downes and Rob Foley from MADM will be sharing with us this

morning about the work that is going on in the county town of Kent!

This evening we continue with our study of the book of *Malachi*. Our theme is “*Do not be unfaithful*”

Church Directory

A pristine new version of the **Church Directory** is available today! Please make sure you get yours!

Electoral Roll

Every 6 years we are required to renew our Church Electoral Roll.

2025 is the year and March/April is the time!

Tuesday 22nd April will be the **last day** to submit your completed form to the Church Office for inclusion.

All who are members of St Peter’s Church here in Ditton, have been baptised and are age 16 or over, are required to fill out and sign a new form for entry / re-entry on to the electoral roll.

More details and forms to follow in March.

First Aid Training

Saturday 29 March 2025 9.30am – 4.30pm

Those willing to become First Aiders for the Church will have priority places on this training, but it is likely there will be space for others to be trained too as we have spaces for 12 trainees in total. Following successful completion of this one-day training, participants will gain a certificate in both Emergency First Aid at Work and Emergency Paediatric First Aid. The course will take place in the Church Centre. Please contact Carolyn in the Church Office if you wish to book a space as soon as possible and by the end of February at the latest. First come, first served! If you have any questions about the training, please speak to Ruth Campbell.

Diary for w/c 2nd February at St Peter’s Church

Mon

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

Mon-Thurs

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

Tues

12.00 **Men’s lunch** – King & Queen, East Malling

Wed

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

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

Thurs

8.00pm – **Whiffen Walk Small Group**

Other dates for your diary

Our **AGM** will be on **Sunday May 11th** after the morning service.

Our **Open Air Service** will be on **June 29th** at 11am

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.

Pancake Party

We are hosting a pancake party on **Saturday March 1st at 3pm in the Church Centre**. This is very much with *children, young people and their families in mind*. It’s been very encouraging to see a number of people signing up to help with a craft activity and also to make pancakes! If you would like to be involved please speak to either *Chris Williams* or contact Carolyn in the Church office. **Please pray for all the planning and preparation!**
Nearer the time, we will need to know the number of people planning to attend so please keep a track of how many you have invited so you can let the team know nearer the time.

Lent Course – Please note: AMENDED DATES

The Lent Course will now run on 5 consecutive Monday evenings **commencing Monday 17th March, finishing on Monday 14th April**. The course will be based on the film “*Chocolat*” and will be shown in the Church Centre on **Monday 10th March at 7pm**.

Ladies Lunch

Jenny Stout is arranging the next Ladies Lunch which will be on **Tuesday 25th February at 12.30pm**. This time lunch will be at **The Redstart pub in Barming**. Please let Jenny (or Carolyn) know if you would like to come.

Ditton Church Pre-school

Bank staff are required for occasional/ad hoc work here. Would need to be available between 8.30am and 4pm and at short notice. Candidates should be qualified to NVQ2 or equivalent and have 1-2 years childcare experience. Further information available from Wendy Caldicott 07845 921621.

Fund raising success

Ride and Stride – St Peter’s Church has now received £378-00 which is half the sum raised in September by our dedicated riders and striders. Huge thanks to Pauline Grimes, Andy Boarer, Angela Boarer and of course all those who sponsored them.

Heart of Kent Hospice – we raised over £200 from the Christmas Cards and over £600 at Carols on the Green.

Food Bank

Thank you for your generous food bank donations for the Pilsden Community. Next date of collection TBA soon! Baby food, nappies, toiletries are always welcome as well as food products.