

Next week – 23rd February 2025

Cleaning Rota John

JAM No JAM

Coffee Pauline G & Pauline M

Music Justin

Services Sunday 23rd February 2025

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ian Cropper
1 Corinthians 13

Praying: Pauline Matthews

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Ruth Campbell
Malachi 3: 13-18

Praying: Julien Myles

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for Wendy Caldicott and her team at Pre-School as they enjoy a half term break. Pray for the continued blessing of God on them in their care and nurture of our very young children.

Praise God that our JAM club is growing! Pray for them over the half term break and for preparations for the pancake party on March 1st.

Pray for Tearfund's work in Afghanistan where they have reached over 400,000 people - meeting many basic needs.

Mission Prayer

Church Pastoral Aid Society

Pray for the children of our nation – 95% of under-18s don't go to church, but they desperately need to discover the life-changing good news of the gospel.

Pray for CPAS as they prepare to run Ventures, School Ventures, and Falcon holidays for young people this year. Pray for their plans to promote the ministry of these holidays to Churches and youth groups, and for the volunteer leaders as they assemble their teams and plan all the activities and day-to-day running of each camp. Pray that more children and young people will book on to this year's camps, giving them the opportunity to discover the good news of Jesus, have fun and make life-long friends.

The Collect

Almighty God, you alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found;
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

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it".

1 Corinthians 12 v 27

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 16th February 2025

The Third Sunday before Lent

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Ian Smith
1 Corinthians 12, *page 1153*

Praying: Pat Holmes

Preaching: Chris Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Chris Williams

Reading: Kathy Mitchell
Malachi 3: 7-12, *page 961*

Praying: John Paul

Preaching: Julien Myles

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we continue with our exploration of 1 Corinthians where we have now reached *chapter 12*. Our theme is "The Church - The Body of Christ". In chapters 11 -14 of this

letter Paul is addressing questions about worship that had arisen in this church in Corinth. Here he uses perhaps his most famous image of the Church - as like a human body to help the Corinthians understand just what a privilege it is to be part of the Christian Church. The message of this chapter is very clear - we need each other! We all have different gifts which we need to pool together so that work of Christ can grow and prosper in our community and in our society.

This evening - we continue our study in the last book in the Old Testament - the book of Malachi. Our theme is "Our bountiful God".

Church Directory

We now have plenty of copies of the new Church Directory available - please make sure you get yours!

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 about this.

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.

Diary for w/c 16th February at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Weds

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

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

Lent Course – Please note: AMENDED DATES

The course will be based on the film "Chocolat" and we will be showing this film in the Church Centre on **Monday 10th March at 7pm**. It is *recommended* that you watch the film before the course, though not essential.

The Lent Course will now run on 5 consecutive Monday evenings **commencing Monday 17th March, finishing on Monday 14th April**.

First Aid Training Sat. 29/03/25 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.

Pancake Party – Sat. 1st March 3pm

Our pancake party is fast approaching. It is very much with *children, young people and their families in mind*. If you would like to be involved and haven't yet said, please speak to either *Chris Williams* or Carolyn in the Church office. **Please pray for the planning and preparation!**

We 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.

Ditton Church Pre-school

Are looking for a **Deputy Manager/Leader of Learning** to work Mon – Thurs 8.30am – 4pm (term time only). They are looking for a highly motivated individual, with at least two years' experience working in an Early Years setting and holding a full and relevant Early Years qualification to at least Level 3. Candidates should have sympathy toward the Christian faith as they will be working in a Church Pre-School. For further information or for an application form please contact:

Wendy Caldicott, Pre-School Manager on 07845 921621 or email info@dittonchurchpreschool.org

Bank staff are also required for occasional/ad hoc work. Would need to be available between 8.30am and 4pm and at short notice and qualified to NVQ2/equivalent with 1-2 years childcare experience. Further information available from Wendy Caldicott as above.

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.