

Next week – 2nd March 2025

Cleaning Rota Liz

JAM Amanda & Kim

Coffee Amanda

Music Karen

Services Sunday 2nd March 2025

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Maureen Morris
1 Corinthians 14: 1-12 and 26-33

Praying: Julien Myles

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Holy Comunion

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: John Paul
Malachi 4

Praying: Liz Nicolaides

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for Adam and Nomfundi Tomalin - our Crosslinks Partner missionaries working with Zulu tribes in South Africa.

Pray for Kennedy and Soraya Emokpaire and their children. Pray that Kennedy will find the right opening for a curacy .

Pray for final preparations for our Pancake party for JAM next Saturday.

Mission Prayer
Tearfund

Families in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are struggling to survive. This week, the Tearfund team in the DRC have continued responding to the urgent humanitarian crisis which has escalated in the last week. Heavy fighting has forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee. Some 3,000 people have been killed and 2,800 people have been injured. People who've fled the terror of war are now facing the threat of disease due to lack of clean water.

Please pray for Tearfund's Country Director for the DRC, Poppy Anguandia, and her team who are working around the clock to support people in the area who have been displaced.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all
things, now and for ever. Amen

Thought for the Week

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love".*

1 Corinthians 13 v 13

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 23rd February 2025

The Second Sunday before Lent

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ian Cropper
1 Corinthians 13, *page 1154*

Praying: Pauline Matthews

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Ruth Campbell
Malachi 3: 13-18, *page 962*

Praying: Julien Myles

Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we reach what is undoubtedly the most well-known chapter in 1 Corinthians as well as being one of the most well-known chapters in the Bible! It is a chapter often read at

weddings , funerals and a favourite at State occasions. Its language and ideals are truly sublime! One of the great values in studying together in consecutive fashion a book of the Bible is that we when we get to a chapter like this - *chapter 13* - we get more of a feeling for it - and we see it as part of the whole. Paul is wanting this Church bursting with life and gifts as it is to see that *without love - sacrificial love* the rest doesn't matter at all. This for Paul is "the most excellent way".

Let's pray that the glorious message of this chapter will really shape our life together as a Christian community here in Ditton.

This evening - our theme is "Trust the Father" as we explore Malachi chapter 3.

World Day of Prayer 2025

This year, the World Day of Prayer (a global ecumenical movement led by Christina women) is on Friday 7th March. They welcome us to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year, led by women from the Cook Islands, the theme is "I made you wonderful", based on Psalm 139: 1-18. More about this can be found at

<https://worlddayofprayer.net/cook-islands-2025.html>

First Aid Training Sat. 29/03/25 9.30am – 4.30pm

Please contact Carolyn in the Church Office **by the end of February** if you wish to book a place.

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. If you have any questions about the training, please speak to Ruth Campbell.

Ladies Lunch

If anyone wishes to come to The Redstart pub in Barming this **Tuesday 25th February at 12.30pm** at please let Jenny Stout know **today**.

Diary for w/c 23rd February at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Mon-Thurs

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

Wed 26th

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

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

2.00pm – Wednesday Afternoon Group – Golding Rm

8.00pm – **Brampton Field Small Group**

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 follow on 5 consecutive Monday evenings **commencing Monday 17th March, finishing on Monday 14th April**.

Electoral Roll

From **next Sunday** 2nd March, the electoral roll application forms will be available for everyone to complete for the new electoral roll.

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

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

Ditton Church Pre-School (DCPS)

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 by DCPS 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.

Pancake Party – Sat. 1st March 3pm

Please continue to pray for the preparation of the pancake party next Saturday.

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.

Calendar Girls at The Hazlitt Theatre

The Willington Players are performing '*Calendar Girls*' at the Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone from Tuesday 29th April to Saturday 3rd May. Tickets for any performance bought through the Church will bring a double bonus of giving you an excellent evening of entertainment **AND** raising funds for the Church. Please see Ruth Campbell or email dittonchurchevents@gmail.com to book your tickets, which cost £17 each.

Free Compost

The compost crate for this year has been emptied. Anybody interested can bring their own bag and help themselves! First come, first served

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.

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