

Next week – 23rd March 2025

Cleaning Rota John

JAM Amanda & Karolyn

Coffee Carolyn & Kieron

Music Justin

Services Sunday 23rd March 2025

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Judith Boarer

Isaiah 53, p.741

Praying: Carolyn McMahan

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Chris Williams

Reading: Giles Williams

John 10:1-10, p.1076

Praying: Carol Wellbelove

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

As violence erupts again in Syria, pray that those who want a peaceful future for that country will prevail.

Pray that the Lent Course beginning this evening will prove a rich inspiration to all who attend.

Pray for those working in our mental health services .
Pray for wisdom in dealing especially with the massive problems affecting our young people.

Prayer Request from Stephen and Joy Kemp in Bangladesh

The cuts to USAID funding mean that 50% of the funding for humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya refugees will be cut. Joy's agency has lost \$316 million dollars worldwide. Please pray for these people and their situation. Fortunately Joy's programme is not funded by USAID but some jobs are bound to go.

The Collect

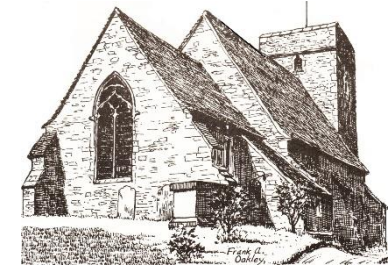
Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error
the light of your truth, that they may return
to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship
of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession, and follow all
such things as are consistent with it;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.

Thought for the Week

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised and we esteemed him not"

Isaiah 53 v 3

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 March 2025

The Second Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Judith Boarer

Isaiah 53 p.741

Praying: Carolyn McMahan

Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Julien Myles

John 1:1-9 & John 8:12, p.1069

Praying: Chris Williams

Preaching: John Paul

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we continue our series on Isaiah 53 and our theme is *"Incredible Strategy"*. In these opening verses Isaiah echoes the amazement that has echoed down through history that God should come to the rescue of a

broken world in such a way as he did through the “suffering servant”, Jesus of Nazareth. As the opening words of this great chapter state “*Who would have believed our report?!*”

This evening we continue with our series in the Gospel of John with the “I am” saying of Jesus. Tonight, I am the Light of the World .

Today (16th) A Walk Through Holy Week

JAM invites you to join them on a walk through some of the events of Holy Week in the Church Centre after the service this morning. (We know it's early, but it fits with our syllabus and it will be one of our last JAM sessions before Easter.) Together we will think about the events of Holy Week and with each one there will be something to explore and pray about.

Lent Course 2025

We had a brilliant start last week watching the film where there is so much to explore for our course - which begins tomorrow tonight! Please join us at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.

The course is on 5 consecutive Monday evenings **commencing tomorrow, Monday March 17th and finishing on Monday April 14th**. We look forward to a rich time of learning and encouragement together!

New Rotas

Last call for any requests before the next rota is drawn up for readers, prayers and coffee makers! This will be for the dates April 27th – July 20th. Please email Carolyn in the Church Office (or leave a message on the office answerphone) if there are any dates during that time that you know you will not be around. Many thanks.

Reminder

The Church **AGM is on Sunday May 11th** after the morning service.

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

Mon

7.00pm – **Lent Course, week 1** – 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

Electoral Roll 2025

Can we encourage each of you who haven't yet done so, to fill in an Electoral Roll application form please after the morning service today. Forms are available at the back of the church so please make sure you take one and complete either at the back of the church or over in the Church Centre during coffee?

This is one of those years where **everyone** needs to fill in a new form. If you can fill yours in today that will be tremendously helpful - thank you!

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

Church Away Day

Our away day will once again be in the delightful setting of the St Benedict's Centre set in the grounds of West Malling Abbey in West Malling. This is on Saturday May 17th. The cost is £25 which includes lunch. Our speaker this year is the *Rev Ben Thorndike*, who is Vicar of Tonbridge Parish Church. These days have been really brilliant - time to relax and just be together.

The day begins formally at 10.00am and will end with tea and cake at 3.30pm! Coffee served from 9.30am.

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies' Lunch will be on Tuesday 1 April at 12.30pm. The venue will be the Redstart pub in Barming. Please let Jenny Stout know if you would like to go

Ditton Church Pre-School (DCPS)

Are pleased to have appointed a new **Deputy Manager/Leader of Learning** to begin after Easter.

Bank staff are still required for occasional/ad hoc work at the Pre-School. 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. For further information please contact:

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

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.

Food Bank

Thank you for your food bank donations. These will be delivered to the *Pilsden Community*. The next collection will be **next Sunday, 23rd March**. Baby food, nappies, toiletries and food products are welcome.

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 is: *St Peters Ditton PCC*
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