

**Next week – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Cleaning** John  
**JAM** Amanda  
**Coffee** Brenda & Ian  
**Music** Justin

**Services Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**10.00am Easter Day Holy Communion**  
Leading: Ross Terranova  
Readings: Ruth Campbell  
*1 Peter 1: 1-9, p.1217*  
Julien Myles  
*Matthew 27 v62 to 28 v10, p.1000*  
Praying: Jenny Stout  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**  
Leading: Giles Williams  
Reading: Kathy Mitchell  
*John 11: 17-44, p.1078*  
Praying: Chris Williams  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Please pray for all the planning and preparation for the Easter services. Pray that many new people will want to come and will find a warm welcome and a new perspective on who Jesus is.

Give thanks for all that was shared of the Gospel with the children in our parish before the Easter holidays started.  
Pray that something of the message will stay with them.

Pray for leaders dealing with the aftermath of tariff decisions taken in the United States. Pray for great wisdom so that the most vulnerable will be protected.

**Mission Prayer**  
**Tearfund**

Right now, Tearfund Myanmar is actively working with partners to provide emergency cash to survivors in desperate need of food, clean water, temporary shelter and other urgent essentials. Tearfund Myanmar is also supporting efforts to rescue people still trapped in the rubble. Please continue to pray for rescue and relief efforts in the region.

**The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

*As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace- but now it is hidden from your eyes"*

**Luke 19 v42**

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**Palm Sunday**

**10.00 am Morning Prayer**  
Leading: Ross Terranova  
Reading: Pauline Matthews  
*Luke 19: 28-44, p.1054*  
Praying: Brenda Smith  
Preaching: Giles Williams

**6.30pm Holy Communion**  
Leading: Carol Wellbelove  
Reading: Ruth Campbell  
*John 15:1-8, p.1083*  
Praying: Julien Myles  
Preaching: Chris Williams

## Welcome to Our Services Today Palm Sunday

**Today**, we remember the triumphal journey that Jesus made into Jerusalem - seated on the back of a donkey! He knew precisely what he was doing, once again shaping his ministry self-consciously around the prophetic witness

concerning the Messiah “*Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey*” (Zechariah 9 v 9). The crowds that first Palm Sunday knew what Jesus was doing - the problem was he was not the kind of Messiah they were looking for. As he approached Jerusalem, Luke tells us that Jesus wept because he knew that the people would reject him - as they did just five days later.

**Today** begins *Holy Week* a rich and special time as we remember all that Jesus did for us .

**This evening** we continue with the “I Am” statements that Jesus made in John’s Gospel. Tonight, Jesus said “*I am the Vine*”

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### Easter Invites

Please take an invite to our Easter Day services which you should find in the pews - and invite someone along to celebrate with us this Easter.

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### Good Friday

**Can we encourage** you to make a special effort to be in Church for our Good Friday meditation which will be at **2pm on April 18th**. This year our Worship team will be leading us as we reflect again on the enormity of the love that Jesus showed for us as he died for us.

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### Electoral Roll 2025

If you have not yet completed a new Electoral Roll form for this year, it would be tremendously helpful if you can do this *today* and return to Church or the Church Office.

This is one of those years where everyone needs to fill in a new form.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** is the **last day** to submit your completed form to the Church Office.

### Diary for w/c 13<sup>th</sup> April at St Peter’s Church

#### Mon

7.30pm – **Lent Course, week 5** – Church Centre

#### Wed

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

#### Thurs

7.00pm **Maundy Thursday** Holy Communion, Church

#### Fri

2.00pm **Good Friday** Meditation Around the Cross

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### Reminder

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

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### Church Away Day

Information about our Away Day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May and an application form *is available today!* Please take a copy and return to Carolyn in the Church Office.

Our day will again be in the delightful setting of the St Benedict’s Centre set in the grounds of West Malling Abbey in West Malling. 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.

Coffee will be available from 9.30am and the day begins formally at 10.00am. We will finish with tea and cake at 3.30pm!

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### Open Air Service

Our Open Air Service is on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

This year the Junior School will be taking a leading role in the service.

### Maidstone Bible Week

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May will be Maidstone Bible Week and from 7.30pm to 8.30pm the speaker will be Chris Wright who is a Global Ambassador for the Langham Trust. This will be held at the Knightrider Street Baptist Church. All welcome.

### Funeral of Ken Johnson

*Ken’s funeral will take place in St. Peter’s Church, Ditton on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am.*

We continue to pray for Deirdre and the family as we extend our love and deepest sympathy to them following Ken’s death last Wednesday. Ken was a deeply loved and valued member of St Peter’s and as a Church community, We thank God that Ken is safe in the presence of Christ.

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### Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday Holy Communion**

17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in Church

**Good Friday Meditation Around the Cross**

18<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2pm

**Easter Day**

20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

10am Easter Day Holy Communion

and

6.30pm Easter Praise