

**Next week – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Cleaning Rota** Sandie & Brenda

**JAM** Ruth & Katie

**Coffee** Pauline M & Pauline G

**Music** Karen

**Services Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**10.00am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Amelia Bennett  
*1 Corinthians 15: 12-34, page 1156*

Praying: Chris Williams

Preaching: Giles Williams

**6.30pm Holy Communion**

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: Steve Campbell  
*Luke 24: 13-35, page 1061*

Praying: Liz Nicolaides

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Give thanks for the hope that the resurrection of Jesus brings. Hope in the face of despair and death. Pray for all we know for whom hope is very sparse that in a very special way they may come to know Jesus amidst all that they are facing.

The war in Sudan has been bloody and brutal and largely forgotten by the world's media. Pray for efforts to bring the killing to an end - and pray for those suffering great loss.

Pray for the schools in our parish beginning a new term. Pray especially for our Pre-School and for Wendy Caldicotte in her leadership.

**The Collect**

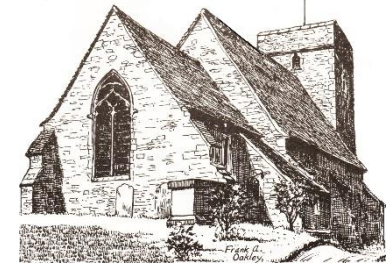
Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and  
wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Thought for the Week**

*Now brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the  
gospel I preached to you, which you have received  
and on which you have taken your stand.*

**1 Cor 15v 1**

# 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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The Second Sunday of Easter

**10.00 am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ian Cropper  
*1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, page 1156*

Praying: Julien Myles

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Carol Wellbelove  
*Luke 24: 1-12, page 1061*

Praying: Giles Williams

Preaching: Julien Myles

## Welcome to Our Services Today

**This morning** we resume our study of 1 Corinthians which we began last October. We pick the letter up at a very opportune - and glorious point with the *single greatest chapter* in the New Testament on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ - and of the resurrection of all who

have put their trust in Him. The sermon title today is critical – “I believe in the Resurrection of the Body”. That is the Christian position - not a vague mystical hope - not an absorption into a kind of cosmic soup- no- a bodily, physical reality. Jesus of Nazareth was raised bodily - still bearing the marks of his crucifixion (so they knew it really was him) but a body which had changed. This was a message that all the apostles preached - Jesus and the Resurrection. So Paul in verse 3 of this chapter puts it like this “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance”. It is quite simple - without the resurrection of Jesus there would be no Christian faith and no Christian Church. So as we explore this staggering chapter over the next 3 Sunday mornings let’s ask God to help us to see its rich implications for faith in the world we live in.

**This evening** we begin a new series from *Luke 24* and for three of these Sundays we will be looking particularly at the wonderful encounter that Jesus had with the two disciples on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

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### **New Summer Programme Cards**

Please make sure you pick up a Summer Programme Card this morning with details of Sunday services over the next 3 months and other events going on.

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### **Prayer@7**

Prayer@7 resumes this Monday in the Golding Room. Our focus each Monday is on praying for the needs of our Church and community - *we would love you to join us !* We finish by 7.30pm.

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### **Open Air Service**

Our Open Air Service is on **June 29th at 11am**. This year the Junior School will be taking a leading role in the service.

### **Diary for w/c 27<sup>th</sup> April at St Peter’s Church**

#### **Mon**

7.00pm Prayer @ 7 – The Golding Room

**Mon – Weds** Church Office closed this week

#### **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

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### **Reminder**

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

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### **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.

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### **Ladies Lunch**

The next Ladies’ Lunch will be on **Monday 12 May at 12.30pm** at The Pippin on the London Road. Please let Jenny Stout know if you will be attending.

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### **Funeral of Ken Johnson**

We continue to pray for Deirdre and the family as they prepare for Ken’s funeral which will be held here at St Peter’s Church, Ditton on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be in the Church Centre afterwards and dress code is personal preference

### **Healing and Wholeness Course**

Are you someone who feels you have a gifting or calling to help in the ministry of healing and wholeness? Are you someone who would like to see prayer for healing and wholeness introduced into your Church?

The duration will be two Saturdays with the aim to equip and nurture individuals in the gifts of healing ministry.

Please see poster in Church porch or speak to Steve Campbell if this is of interest to you.

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### **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.

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### **Food Bank**

Thank you for your food bank donations. These will be delivered to the *Pilsden Community*. The next collection will be on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May**. Baby food, nappies, toiletries and food products are welcome.

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### **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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