

**Next week – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Cleaning Rota** John

**JAM** Amanda & Karolyn

**Coffee** Amanda & JAM

**Music** Justin

**Services Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**10.00am Holy Communion**

Leading: Giles Williams

Reading: Judith Boarer  
*1 Corinthians 16, page 1157*

Praying: Pauline Matthews

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: John Paul

Reading: Ruth Campbell  
*Luke 24: 25-35, page 1061*

Praying: Pauline Grimes

Preaching: Ross Terranova

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Pray for the newly elected County Council now under the leadership of Reform UK. Pray for wisdom for all those elected to local Government an important but often thankless task.

Pray for a real breakthrough to end the killing in Ukraine. Pray for wise and constructive leadership on all sides.

Pray for Kennedy Emokpaire as he prepares for his ordination at Ely Cathedral on June 29th. Pray for him, Soraya and the girls as they prepare for the future.

**Mission Prayer**  
**Church Pastoral Aid Society**

Pray for CPAS as it continues its calling to work with churches and leaders throughout the British Isles to help them share the gospel afresh in each generation. Pray for their CEO, Jon Scamman, as he leads the team and pray too for all who work there. Pray for all the leaders as they plan for this summer's Venture and Falcon holidays. These holidays present the opportunity for the Gospel to be made known to thousands of young people. Pray for God's protection against any spiritual attack.

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life  
of righteousness, that we may seek those things which  
are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Thought for the Week**

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.  
Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to  
the work of the Lord, because you know that your  
labour in the Lord is not in vain.*

**1 Corinthians 15 v 58**

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**10.00 am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ian Smith  
*1 Corinthians 15: 35-58, page 1157*

Praying: Giles Williams

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Carol Wellbelove

Reading: Kathy Mitchell  
*Luke 24: 13-27, page 1061*

Praying: John Paul

Preaching: Ross Terranova

### Welcome to Our Services Today

**This morning** we conclude our look at Paul's staggering teaching on the *Resurrection of the Body* and the future Christian hope which is chapter 15 of this letter to the Corinthians. Nowhere else in the New Testament is this great hope so clearly laid out - and it is all based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ - his bodily

resurrection (on the 3rd day 1 Cor 15 v 4). Because he has been raised - those who trust in him will also be raised!

Yet this wonderful truth about the future is not just for the future. It has to shape the way in which the follower of Jesus understands their life here - from one week to the next. Just notice how Paul ends this chapter - [read verse 58!](#) All that we do now in the Lords service whatever it might be - the whole of our living for him is not in vain and will be remembered.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Our APCM takes place after this morning's service. We will wait until everyone has a chance to grab a coffee and we aim to start by **11.30am**. We hope as many people as possible will be able to stay for this important gathering.

**This evening** we continue with our study in Luke 24 and the moving account of Jesus speaking with the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus. This evening our theme is "The Unknown Christ".

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### **Open Air Service**

Always a real highlight of the year this years' service is on **Sunday June 29th at 11am.**

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### **Church Family News**

We extend our love and prayers to Caroline Gibbons and all of the family following the death of her father last Sunday.

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### **Empty Envelope Received in Post**

Has anyone sent a hand-written envelope addressed to Carolyn in the Church Office in the last couple of weeks? An envelope has been received in a clear plastic bag with "sincere apologies" from Royal Mail as the envelope is thought to have been tampered with and was completely empty. There is no way for us to identify if anyone has sent cash/a cheque or anything else. If we can identify who and what was sent, we can contact Royal Mail to make a claim.

### **Diary for w/c 11<sup>th</sup> May at St Peter's Church**

#### **Mon**

7.00pm Prayer @ 7 – The Golding Room

#### **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

#### **Thurs**

**7.30pm – Whiffen Walk Small Group**

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### **Church Away Day**

Last call for our Away Day which is now less than one week away!! **Today** is the last day to let Carolyn know if you are planning to join us.

We will be in the delightful setting of the St Benedict's Centre set in the grounds of West Malling Abbey in West Malling next **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 is tomorrow, **Monday 12th May at 12.30pm** at The Pippin on the London Road. If you haven't let Jenny Stout know you will be attending, please do so today.

### **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.

### **Theatre Tickets**

The next production of the Willington Players at the Hazlitt Theatre will be the psychological thriller *Strangers on a Train*. Based on a novel by Patricia Highsmith. The play will run from 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025. All £17 tickets for any performance bought through the Church will earn us a charity rebate, so please let Ruth Campbell know if you'd like tickets. (dittonchurchevents@gmail.com) We are arranging a group booking for *Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm*. There will be another opportunity to purchase tickets nearer the time if you prefer. A charity donation of £117 was made to the Church following the recent production of Calendar Girls, in part thanks to a local person who credited his charity rebate to the Church.

### **Kerry West Uganda Orphanage**

Crafty Coffee supports this orphanage by knitting for them and with money donations and sponsoring a child. Here is their latest update – *Currently the new classrooms are built and the steps/veranda completed. We are now trying to raise money for plastering and then they will be ready. The children are doing OK, the money we send each month does not cover all the running costs so it is tough at the moment. However, we do have 5 children attending secondary school, thanks to sponsors supporting their secondary education, which is great. Also two of current Primary 7's have secured funding for secondary school, as long as they pass their Primary exams at the end of the year! This is great news for them. I am still collecting school jumpers, other jumpers/cardigans, knitted blankets, hats and dolls, hoping to send a shipment later this year. Thanks for your continued support.*

### **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.

### **Food Bank**

The next collection will be on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May.**