

Next week – 25th May 2025

Cleaning Rota Liz

JAM No JAM

Coffee Caroline & Mark

Music Justin

Services Sunday 25th May 2025

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: John Paul
Reading: Caroline Gibbons
Psalm 3, page 543
Praying: Brenda Smith
Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Simon Webley
Luke 24: 36-53, page 1062
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Chris Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray that the **ceasefire** between Pakistan and India will hold. Pray that tensions will ease in Kashmir.

Give thanks for last Sundays AGM. Pray for the witness of our Church in our community. Pray for our plans to visit the new estate at Orchard Mill.

Pray for our Pre-School as it seeks to adapt to new Government policy for the early years sector. Pray especially for Wendy Caldicott in her leadership.

Mission Prayer

Crosslinks

Please be praying for Adam and Nomfundi Tomalin to keep relying on the Lord's daily grace and to serve and love out of his strength and not rely on their own. Please pray for wisdom as they keep engaging with family and friends who aren't Christian. Whilst the family continue to mourn Nomfundi's sister, and have had Nomfundi's younger sister and Mum staying, their baby daughter, Thandiwe is such a blessing to the family.

The Collect

Almighty God
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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

*"Then their eyes were opened and they
recognised him"*

Luke 24 v 31a

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 18th May 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: John Paul
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

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we conclude our series on *1 Corinthians* and our theme is "*Love is the Way*". Do everything in love. Paul encourages this rather chaotic but incredibly gifted Church. Of course he had already written that extraordinary chapter 13 on Love - and here he returns to it again as he closes the letter.

It is a very vivid reminder to us Christians living almost 2000 years after this letter was first heard and read that love is always the way for the Christian and for the Christian community. How easy it is to forget first principles! Let's make sure that we don't!

This evening we continue exploring our look at the journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus recorded in Luke 24. Our theme this evening is “*Epiphany*”.

Next Sunday morning we begin a new series of sermons looking at several of the Psalms - the song book of God's people in the Old Testament. In the **evening** we conclude our series on Luke 24.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We met last Sunday morning for what was a very encouraging time. Carolyn McMahon was elected on to the PCC (Parochial Church Council) and Chris Williams was elected on to Malling Deanery Synod. Minutes of the meeting are available for anyone who wishes to read them - just let us know.

Orchard Mill Visiting

With many of the new houses on the estate now built and people moving in we are planning a time to visit and leaflet every new home on the estate later this summer. **Could you help?** There will be a briefing before we go but the plan is to try and go together in a group. Stay tuned for more info!

Open Air Service

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

Food Bank

The next collection will be on **Sunday, 25th May**. Baby food, nappies, toiletries and food products are always welcome.

Diary for w/c 18th 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

8.00pm - **Brampton Field Small Group**

Thurs

7.30pm – **Whiffen Walk Small Group**

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 4th - 8th 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 5th 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.

News from Adam and Nomfundo Tomalin

We praise God for such an encouraging Easter convention at Christ Church Fredville. Easter is a great opportunity in semi-rural and township communities in KwaZulu-Natal and across SA, to reach people with the Gospel as people flock to church. Churches in these contexts will often tend to have Easter conferences which have more services, including on Easter Saturday. It was incredibly encouraging to see how many people came to church. We're praising God for those who have heard about Christ crucified and resurrected and what this means for our lives. Such an encouraging time and we pray for much fruit over the coming weeks and months and for good follow up with those who have expressed a desire to want to go back to church again or start going for the first time! Please be praying with us on this.

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.*