

Next week – 23rd November 2025

<u>Cleaning</u>	Yvonne
<u>JAM</u>	Ruth & Kim
<u>Coffee</u>	Mei & Jude G
<u>Music</u>	Justin

Services Sunday 23rd November 2025

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: John Paul
Praying: Mei Chong
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Talk: Ross Terranova

Prayer Themes for the Week

Give thanks for last Sunday's Remembrance Sunday service and pray especially that those young people who were present will remember something of what was said.

Pray for all those involved in broadcasting in our country. Pray for integrity, a real desire to be just and fair in how programmes are put together and for a real desire to engage with different perspectives and viewpoints.

Please pray for all the planning and preparation for the services for Christmas and for the carol singing on Orchard Mill - for good and positive contacts with the residents.

Mission Prayer (CMJ)

The Church's Ministry Among Jewish People

The Director for the UK is Aaron Eime but many countries have their own director, including Israel! This autumn there has been a handover from Daryl Fenton to the Rev. Tom Burden. Tom is leaving three churches on the Isle of Wight and his wife Katherine leaving her role as Town Clerk of Ventnor. Please pray for them as they learn Hebrew and face enormous challenges, but also exciting opportunities.

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone"
Luke 20 v 17

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 November 2025

2nd Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Judith Boarer
Praying: Carolyn McMahon
Preaching: Ross Terranova

12.00 Baptism of Archie Paul Weller

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Steve Campbell
Praying: Ruth Campbell
Preaching: Chris Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we conclude our series on some of the Parables Jesus told by looking at what have some called "*The Parable of the Last Messenger*". As we approach the season of Advent and Christmas it's a very powerful parable to consider - it certainly made a very

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strong impression on those who first heard it! (Luke 20 v19). The history of the people of Israel – God's chosen people was a history of repeatedly ignoring messengers God sent to them - the Prophets. They wanted to go their own way - as humanity still does - deaf so often to the voice of God - and rejecting the love of God. As we engage with this Parable let's pray that God would make us open in new ways to his love and purposes.

This evening we pick up again on our series "Encounters with the Divine" as we explore the mysterious encounter that Jacob experienced.

Next Sunday evening Ross will be tackling the next of our "Issues Facing Christians Today" series' as we look at the very complex and difficult area of *Christian Responses to Asylum and Immigration.*

On 23rd November, we will be starting a series on the Old Testament book of **Ruth**. It's an amazing story of the power of redeeming love and a wonderful preparation for the season of Advent. In preparation for the series, it would be a really good exercise to read the book through – it's only 4 chapters!

Diary for w/c 16th November 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

7.30pm – **Brampton Field Small Group**

Thurs

7.30pm – **Whiffen Walk Small Group**

Ladies Lunch

The November ladies lunch will be on Tuesday 18th at the *Redstart, Barming* at 12.30pm

The Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 16th December at 12.30 at the Sir Thomas Wyatt Beefeater.

Please let Jenny Stout know if you would like to attend. 07952 648583

Volunteers to Help Decorate the Christmas Tree and Church

We are looking to gather a small team to help with decorating the Christmas tree, putting up banners and generally preparing the church for Christmas in early December. If you would like to help, please let Alan or John know

Carol Singing at Orchard Mill

We will be singing at *Orchard Mill* on **Tuesday 9th December**, meeting at 7pm in the Orchard Mill car park. Please join us if you can and if anyone can provide refreshments afterwards that would be greatly appreciated!

Carol Singing with Churches Together in Mallin, outside Asda, Kings Hill

On Saturday 13th December 10am – 11.30am, raising money for **Porchlight**. Come along and join in.

Food Bank

There will be a collection for the *Pilsden Community* on **Sunday 23rd November**. Food products, especially tinned meals (eg meatballs, beans and sausages, etc) that can be heated on a hob, tea, coffee, baby food, nappies and toiletries 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 Debit payment, please contact your bank to arrange this. Gift Aid forms are available in the church. The Church Bank Account name is: *St Peter's Ditton PCC*, Account Number: 00021526, Sort Code: 40 52 40

Christmas Services

21st December

Carol Service 6pm

Christmas Eve

Carols on the Green at 4.30pm
Christmas Holy Communion 11.00pm

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Praise

