

Next week – 21st December 2025

<u>Cleaning</u>	John
<u>JAM</u>	No JAM
<u>Coffee</u>	Ruth & Steve
<u>Music</u>	Justin Myles

Services Sunday 21st December 2025

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Carolyn McMahon
Praying: Brenda Smith
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.00pm Carol Service

Leading: Ross Terranova

Prayer Themes for the Week

Give thanks for our JAM group (Jesus and Me). Thank God for those who lead, for the children and young people who come. Pray for more growth in 2026.

Pray for all the events and services this Christmas. Pray for a clear presentation of the good news of Christ.

Pray for the challenges facing the Government especially over areas concerning immigration and asylum and the huge numbers of young people with mental health problems.

Mission (MADM)
Making a Difference in Maidstone

As they prepare for their 2025 Christmas outreach, they are asking the community to help them bless families in need across Maidstone.

Please pray that people who have received unwanted or unused gifts throughout the year — toiletries, toys, homeware, candles, gift sets, clothing accessories, or anything suitable for regifting, would pass them on to someone who could truly use a little extra joy this Christmas.

Pray that donations will be received at the Outreach Office at 49 Church St, ME141DS. 9.30-5pm

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

"As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leapt for joy"

Luke 1 v 44

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 14th December 2025

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Carolyn McMshon
Praying: Brenda Smith
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue our series in the book of Ruth and our theme is "*Romance*". The book of Ruth contains one of the great love stories of the Bible if not in all literature! Chapter 3 is a wonderful illustration of the way in which God's sovereign plan works through the everyday, faithful actions of ordinary people. It's a chapter of "God behind the scenes"!

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We see his providence at work in what look like “coincidental events”, steering events towards His purposes of redemption and rescue. God is at work in the lives of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz - even when they don't really know it!

This evening, we are exploring the issue of abortion under the heading of “*The Unformed Body - Why Abortion?*”

The issue of abortion is one which is always a very controversial one although it remains “under the surface” in British political life - though not of course in the USA. Much attention has been given to debates over end-of-life issues in recent years - but what about before a life is born? What rights does a foetus have in conjunction with the rights of a mother? What role if any should the Church play in the debate?

Life Explored 2026!

Ross will be running a 7 week course called “*Life Explored*”, which will run in the *Church Centre* beginning on *Tuesday 13th January* and finishing on *Tuesday 3rd March*. (There will be no meeting on *10th February*). It's a course which provides a framework for exploring some of the key themes of the Christian faith. If you would like to come along, please email Ross directly. We will begin each week at *7.30pm* and the evening will end no later than *9pm*. It promises to be a very interesting and stimulating course so please book early!

There will be no evening service on Sunday December 28th

There will be **no Crafty Coffee** on Wednesdays 24th December and 31st December. Back as usual on 7th January 2026.

Diary for w/c 14th December at St Peter's Church

Mon

7pm – **Prayer @ 7** – The Golding Room

Wed

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

Fri

9.30 & 11am - **Junior School Assembly** – Church

Church Christmas Card Project and Carols on the Green - Bucket Collection

The Church Christmas Card Project will operate once again this year, with donations going to the Heart of Kent Hospice. The display boards for cards and charity donation envelopes are now available at the back of the church.

The bucket collection at Carols on the Green will also go to the Hospice.

Ditton Film Club Movie Nights – Church Centre

The first film of 2026 will be “***First Do No Harm***” on **Saturday 17th January 2026**. It is the story of one woman's struggle against a narrow-minded medical establishment.

Please email the Church Office

dittonchurch@btconnect.com if you would like to come and arrive by 6.45pm when refreshments will be available. A £5 contribution toward snacks and drinks will be appreciated.

Is anyone willing to serve refreshments before the film please? If you can help, please email Carolyn or Julien - that would be much appreciated.

There will be more information to follow about further classic and thought-provoking films that will be shown here in 2026.

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

