

Next week – 14th December 2025

<u>Cleaning</u>	Liz
<u>JAM</u>	All Leaders
<u>Coffee</u>	Caroline & Mark
<u>Music</u>	Karen

Services Sunday 14th December 2025

10.00am Morning Prayer

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

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for the Carol singing that will take place in Orchard Mill on Tuesday. Pray for a positive reaction from the residents - pray for a good number to sing from within our Church!

Pray for the people of Ukraine as another Christmas arrives with this terrible conflict still ongoing. Pray for a just and lasting peace - and soon.

Please pray for all who come to any of our Christmas services. Pray that God the Holy Spirit will open minds and hearts to the Christ of Bethlehem.

Mission Tearfund

Pray for the swift, safe and unconditional release of all kidnapped students and teachers in Nigeria (specifically the 303 students and 12 teachers from St Mary's School in Papiri, Niger state). Pray for protection over them and for their return to their families without lasting psychological or physical trauma. Pray for divine comfort, strength and resilience for the families and communities affected. Pray for protection, wisdom and divine wisdom for the security agencies (police, military, etc) who are searching for those who have been kidnapped.

Pray for the almost 900,000 refugees expected to arrive in Chad by the end of 2025, and for the 450,000 who have already sought refuge there. Ask God to provide them with safety, shelter, food, clean water and healthcare.

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Thought for the Week

"Jesus, Son of David... have mercy on me!"

Mark 10v 47b

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 7th December 2025

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Julien Myles
Praying: Chris Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Kathy Mitchell
Praying: Liz Nicolaides
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we resume our studies in the *book of Ruth* where we will be until the Sunday before Christmas.

It is a wonderful story about a very ordinary family who God deals with in an extraordinary way. It is a story about God's guiding providential hand in human history in a startling

and amazing way which we will see unfold. It's a story which is the perfect prelude to Christmas - as we see that the God of the Bible is the Lord of history whose purpose is to bring light and hope to a world full of darkness and hopelessness.

This evening, we conclude our series on encounters with the Divine as we examine the encounter which Bartimaeus had with Jesus from the Gospel of Mark.

Next Sunday evening in our series on Issues Facing Christians today we will be looking at the issue of Abortion

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all who have been involved in decorating the Church for Christmas. Comments are often made by people who visit the Church about how well looked after the building is - these things really do matter!

A special thank you to *Yvonne Young* for another wonderful banner!

PCC Board (Parochial Church Council)

Just in case you have ever wondered who is on Ditton Church PCC - you can see them as you walk into the Church - on your left! Thank you to Carolyn, our Administrator for doing this.

Church Family News

David Pearce suffered a stroke recently and is still in hospital. Please pray for David and for his daughters Alison and Bridget.

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 will be available from Sunday 7th December. The bucket collection at Carols on the Green will also go to the Hospice.

Diary for w/c 7th December at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Tues

7pm **Carol Singing** – Orchard Mill (meet in car park)

Mon-Thurs

9.00am -3.30pm – **Pre School** – Church Centre

Wed

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

2.40pm - **Junior School Assembly** – School

PCC Secretary

Ruth Campbell is our Parochial Church Council secretary at present, but she has announced that she is standing down at next year's AGM, which will be held in May. Is this a post that you could consider? If it is, please have a word with Ross who would be delighted to hear from you!

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 *thank you very much to Giles and Chris* for offering to host us for refreshments afterwards

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

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

Coming soon... Ditton Film Club Movie Nights

Starting in January, we will be holding bi-monthly movie nights on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the Church Centre. There will be more information to follow about the 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

