

Next week – 18th January 2026

Cleaning	John
JAM	Amanda & Jude
Coffee	Carolyn & Kieron
Music	Justin

Services Sunday 18th January 2026

10.00am	<u>Holy Communion</u>
Leading:	Giles Williams
Reading:	Alan Warner <i>1 John 2: 18 – 3:10</i>
Praying:	Carolyn McMahan
Preaching:	Ross Terranova
6.30pm	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
Leading:	John Paul
Reading:	Steve Campbell <i>Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14</i>
Praying:	Carol Wellbelove
Preaching:	Giles Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please continue to pray for Kennedy in these early months of ordained ministry in Cambridge. Kennedy is working as a self-supporting minister, continuing to work as a teacher of English for foreign students in the city.

Give thanks for our JAM club starting again today. Pray for those who lead and teach, and for the young people and children who come along that they will really enjoy being together and learning more about Jesus.

Pray for Shelagh Ward the new headteacher at Ditton Junior School. Pray that she will be given all the support she needs in these early days of her headship.

Mission

Let us pray for Adam and Nomfundo Tomalin and their family as they start the new year working with university students across several campuses in KwaZulu-Natal. The aim of the organisation they are involved with, The Bible Talks KZN, is to reach the next generation of university students with the good news of Jesus. Pray for the three main activities that TBT KZN will be focussing on: reaching widely to anyone who doesn't know Jesus, investing deeply so Christians can grow and mature while they are studying on campus and multiplying ministry so student leaders are equipped to be able to reach widely and invest deeply as disciples of Jesus.

Collect

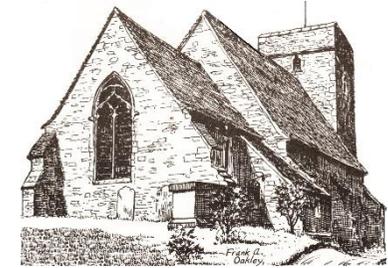
Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

*We know that we have come to know him if we obey
his commands*

1 John 2 v 3

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 11th January 2026

Epiphany

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Pauline Matthews
1 John 2:3-17, p.1225
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Kathy Mitchell
Ecclesiastes 1: 12 – 2:11, p.670
Praying: Ruth Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue with our series on 1 John and our theme is "The World". John has some quite striking things to say about a Christians relationship to the World - and he doesn't seem at first glance too positive about it!

What does he mean when he says, "Do not love the world - or anything in the world"? Isn't that a very negative way to live? At times in the history of the Church Christians have retreated from the world - at other times they have become so immersed in the world that it's sometimes been difficult to see if there is really any difference between them and those who do not claim to be Christian. What is the right balance?

This evening, we continue with our series in Ecclesiastes and our theme is "*Bursting the Bubble*".

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 soon!

New Spring Programme Cards

If you haven't yet had one, please take a copy of the Spring Programme Card with you and use it for prayer and information.

Diary for w/c 11th January at St Peter's Church

Mon

7pm – Prayer @ 7 – The Golding Room

Tues

7.30pm – 9pm – Life Explored – Church Centre

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

Ditton Church Pre-School

Our Pre-School celebrated its 25th birthday last Friday and we thank God for the wonderful education and nurture it has provided for generations of children in our community . We thank God for the initial vision of a group of young women in our Church to set up a Pre-School and for all that has flowed from that decision.

Ditton Film Club Movie Nights – Church Centre

The first film of 2026 will be on Saturday 17th January. We will be showing the film, "**First Do No Harm**" which is the story of one woman's struggle against a narrow-minded medical establishment. If you would like to come, please email the Church Office at dittonchurch@btconnect.com and arrive by 6.45pm when refreshments will be available. A £5 contribution toward snacks and drinks will be appreciated.

We need to get together a small team of people who would be willing to serve refreshments 2 or 3 times during the year. The Movie Night dates have now been confirmed, (along with the film titles and a brief resumé – displayed on the noticeboard outside the Church Centre). The dates are the 3rd Saturday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Please email Carolyn in the Church office if you can help on any/all of these dates!!! Refreshments will be teas/coffees/ fruit juice/wine and snacks. Thank you.

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!

Food Bank

This year we will continue to support the food bank at Pilsden at Malling Community, a Christian-based community which seeks to provide an environment where people can rebuild their lives after experiencing a crisis, whether sudden or progressive. If you are able to help, please bring any donations of foods particularly meat meals in cans such as meatballs, beans and sausages etc that can be heated on a hob. Also tea, coffee, long life UHT milk, toiletries, or any other food products. **The next date for collection will be Sunday 25th January 2026.**

Church Directory Review

There will be a re-print at the end of January as several people have asked for changes to their phone number or email address. Please email the Church Office by 25th January with any changes.

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