

Next week – 8th February 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	Liz
<u>JAM</u>	Ruth & Karolyn
<u>Coffee</u>	Pauline G & Pauline M
<u>Music</u>	

Services Sunday 8th February 2026

10.00am Education Sunday Service

6.30pm Holy Communion

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Praying: Pauline Grimes

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for next Sunday morning's *Education Sunday* service. Pray that the children who come will feel welcomed - and their families.

Pray for the efforts to move peace forward in Gaza. Pray for all those affected by the brutal repression which has taken place in Iran. Pray for a just government to come to power- and for freedom of religious expression.

Pray for our justice system, for magistrates, judges and lawyers - all under significant strain. Pray for our prison system and for the recruitment of prison officers of real integrity.

Mission (Tearfund)

Tearfund believes each child should have access to education. The regional disability programme in Afghanistan, shows that education is often out of reach there for children with disabilities. Pray for Tearfund, working in Afghanistan through local partners, responding to disasters and supporting communities to meet their basic needs. "Basic needs" go beyond just food and shelter. They include the right to be seen, heard and valued. For children with disabilities, access to schooling means gaining lifelong skills and opening a door of hope for the future. Please pray for them.

Collect

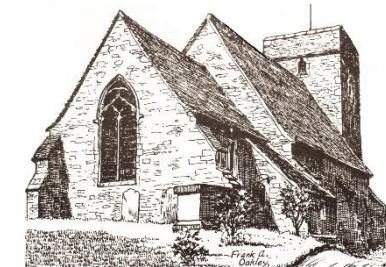
God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4 v 10

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 1st February 2026

The 4th Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove

Reading: Ian Smith

1 John 4:7-21, p.1227

Praying: Brenda Smith

Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Ruth Campbell

Ecclesiastes 5:8 to 6:2, p.673

Praying: Julien Myles

Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we enter one of the most famous parts of 1 John which we have been studying since the beginning of the year- our theme from the closing verses of chapter 4 is "God is Love". How do we know this - where is the evidence for John's assertion? How does the love of God

differ from so many of our conceptions of what it means to love? How should our grasp of the love of God affect the way we see our brothers and sisters in Christ?

This evening, we continue our study in the book of Ecclesiastes - our theme is “*Money, Money, Money!*”

New PCC Secretary needed !

We are very grateful to Ruth Campbell for all the work she has done over the past 4 years as PCC secretary, but with her increasing workload and the course she has started at St Benedicts Centre she felt it was the right time to stand down.

The PCC is really the engine room of the church and the role of the secretary is of key importance. With the **Church AGM less than three months** away we are keen to find Ruths replacement! Could that be you? If you are interested, please let Ross know - thank you.

Lent Course

Our Lent course this year is taken from ***Pilgrim***, a suite of courses for the Christian journey. It explores the core Christian belief in greater depth through the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. It will equip you with an understanding of these priceless resources for Christian living and for knowing God better. Join us for five sessions, starting on Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.

Education Sunday Service – 8th February at 10am

For the first time in 3 years we will be celebrating Education Sunday with Ditton Junior School. We hope you will make a special effort to be there as it will be our first opportunity to welcome the new Headteacher, **Mrs Sheila Ward**. Our link with the Junior School is a very important one in our work in the parish. Please pray for all the preparation and planning that is going into the service.

Diary for w/c 1st February 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

7.30pm – **Small Group** – Acorn Grove

Church AGM – Sunday 19th April

This meeting will be after the morning service on *April 19th*. Please make sure this is in your diary so you can be there!

WhatsApp Group

The PCC have agreed the creation of a WhatsApp community for St Peter's Ditton.

Church WhatsApp groups make communication quick, easy and facilitate a growing sense of community amongst the congregation. As such, there can be a variety of groups linked to Church life, coming under the banner of the Ditton Church WhatsApp Community.

Our main group will be called “Church Matters”. The purpose of this group is to:

- share information about forthcoming Church services, activities and fundraising events.
- share news about events that have taken place.
- share information about Christian events locally, online material that supports faith, etc.
- ask for help from the Church family.

Other groups including “Prayer Group” is for making prayer requests, sharing with others who would like to pray. “Devotional Helps” is a group where members can share Bible devotional readings and insights for mutual edification.

A guide for this new initiative will be made available to everyone. The groups are open to all members, so anyone who is interested in joining, or would like more information or assistance in joining, can contact Julien Myles via email jmyles911@hotmail.com or mobile 07870 886249)

Church Away Day - Saturday 9th May

At St Benedicts West Malling. We are delighted this year that Tim Yearsley, who grew up in Ditton Church and now works for LICC (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity) will be our speaker.

Food Bank

There have been a number of requests for food assistance from the Ditton area. It was agreed at the January PCC meeting that going forwards, St Peter's will support the Larkfield foodbank run by Larkfield Community Church. If anyone needs to access the food bank, please email foodbank@larkfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk

Thank you very much for your generous donations last week. **The next collection will be on Sunday 1st March 2026.**

DCPS

The pre-school are looking for an Assistant Treasurer to assist with Mike's workload, and possibly be someone for him to hand over the role of Treasurer to in the future.

It is a voluntary role and would require attendance to meetings (usually 6 per year), plus a small amount of work outside of the meetings to assist Mike. Ideally, the person will have had some experience/interest in accountancy.

Please contact the Pre-school for more information.