

## Next week – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	Sandie & Brenda
<u>JAM</u>	No JAM
<u>Coffee</u>	Ruth & Steve
<u>Music</u>	Justin

## Services Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

### **10.00am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Chris Williams  
Reading: Maureen Morris  
Praying: Steve Campbell  
Preaching: Giles Williams

### **6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Giles Williams  
Reading: Chris Williams *John 1: 35-42*  
Praying: John Paul  
Preaching: Julien Myles

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### **Prayer Themes for the Week**

Please pray for the Bishops of our Diocese, Jonathan Gibbs and Simon Burton Jones. Pray that they will know the renewing power of God the Holy Spirit on their lives and their ministry.

Thank God for the work of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. Pray for all the children and young people who will be going on camps over this summer that many of them will come to know Christ for themselves.

Pray for those in the House of Lords who are seeking to challenge the assisted dying bill.

### **Mission** (Crosslinks)

The next Crosslinks online prayer meeting is taking place on **Monday 16 February, 7-8pm UK time**.

In this month's prayer meeting we will be joined by *Adam and Nomfundo Tomalin*, mission partners in Pinetown, Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa.

We'll then break into smaller groups to pray. It's a great way to stay connected and be a part of global mission from your home.

Please email the Church Office today or tomorrow and we will send you the meeting invite link if you'd like to join

### **Collect**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Thought for the Week**

*And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

*1 John 5 v 12*

# **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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

The Sunday next before Lent

### **10.00 am Holy Communion**

Leading: Giles Williams  
Reading: Jenny Stout *1 John 5, page 1228*  
Praying: Pauline Matthews  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

### **12.00pm Interment of ashes of Val Ingram**

### **6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Chris Williams  
Reading: Carol Wellbelove  
*Ecclesiastes 12, p.679*  
Praying: Giles Williams  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

## **Welcome to Our Services Today**

This morning, we conclude our series in **1 John** and our theme from the final chapter is "Assurance". In many ways this has been the key theme of the entire letter - how can we as

followers of Jesus know real confidence and assurance? So many Christians struggle with assurance - can I really even know I am a Christian! According to John you can know "*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life*" (chapter 5 v 13 ).

**This evening**, we conclude our series in the book of Ecclesiastes and our theme is "Getting the point" as we explore chapter 12 together.

**Next Sunday**, we begin two new series for the season of Lent:

*In the morning*, we will be looking at "**Cross Words**" as we explore 5 of the words that Jesus spoke as he was dying on the cross.

*In the evening*, our series "**Come and See**" as we explore the effect that meeting Jesus had on some of the individuals in the Gospels.

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#### **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 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.

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#### **Church AGM – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

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#### **Church Away Day - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

This will be at St Benedicts in West Malling again. 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.

#### **Diary for w/c 15<sup>th</sup> February at St Peter's Church**

##### **Mon**

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

##### **Tues**

10am – Interment of ashes of Molly & Arthur Topping - Churchyard

3pm – 4.15pm **Pancake Party** – Church Centre

##### **Wed**

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

11.15am – **Ash Wednesday Holy Communion** – Church

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#### **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. There can be a variety of groups linked to Church life, 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
- 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](mailto:jmyles911@hotmail.com) or mobile 07870 886249)

#### **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](mailto:foodbank@larkfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk)

**Our next collection will be on Sun 1st March**

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#### **Ladies Lunch**

The next ladies' lunch will be held on *Tuesday 3rd March at 12.30pm* at the **Duke of Wellington in Ryarsh**. Please book your place with Jenny Stout 07952 648583

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#### **DCPS**

The pre-school are looking for an Assistant Treasurer to assist with Mike's workload. 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.

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#### **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***