

Next week – 22nd February 2026

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

Services Sunday 22nd 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 15th 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.

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.

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!

Church Away Day - Saturday 9th 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 15th 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

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 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
Our next collection will be on Sun 1st March

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

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.

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