

Next week – 1st March 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	Yvonne
<u>JAM</u>	Ruth & Kim
<u>Coffee</u>	Mei & Jude
<u>Music</u>	Karen

Services Sunday 1st March 2026

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Judith Borer Psalm 22: 1-21, p.554
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Kathy Mitchell *Matthew 19:16-30, p. 986*
Praying: Liz Nicolaides
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for the people of Bangladesh.
Pray for Tearfund's ongoing efforts to improve sanitation
and help prevent the spread of waterborne diseases.

Pray that our Lent Course, "*Pilgrim*" will be both
challenging and inspirational for everyone who attends.

Pray for our JAM club - giving thanks for the success of
the Pancake Party and praying that more children and
families will get involved.

Mission

Pray for the staff at CPAS as they commit their work to
God across their three key ministry areas: patronage,
leadership and Ventures & Falcons.

Pray that many will access and benefit from their online
training, and that the training will serve them effectively.

Pray for those churches seeking to appoint a new
incumbent with the help of the CPAS Patronage Team.

Pray for all those applying for new roles in CPAS
churches.

As preparations are underway for this year's Ventures
and Falcon holidays, pray for the overall leaders as they
put volunteer teams together and plan activities for the
2026 holidays. These holidays present the opportunity
for the Gospel to be made known to thousands of young
people. Pray for God's protection against any spiritual
attack.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

*Jesus said "Father forgive them, for they do not know
what they are doing"*

Luke 23 v 46

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 22nd February 2026

The 1st Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Chris Williams
Reading: Maureen Morris
Luke 23: 26-34, p.1060
Praying: Steve Campbell
Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Chris Williams
John 1: 35-42, p.1064
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Julien Myles

Welcome to Our Services Today

New Sermon Series

Today we begin two new series of sermons for
the season of **Lent**.

In the mornings, we will be looking at some of what are called the '**Words from the Cross**', specific sentences or phrases which Jesus used, each one shedding a different light on the meaning of his death. Today it is "*Father Forgive*".

In the evenings, our theme is '**Come and See**', as we explore a number of encounters that people had with Jesus as recorded in the Gospels - and the effect it had on them.

Thank you!

A big thank you to all who helped with the **Pancake Party** last Tuesday. It was a lovely occasion and a great success!

Film Night - March 21st at 7pm in Church Centre

We will be showing the film "*Risen*".

If you would like to come, please email Carolyn in the Church office asap!

We have one volunteer to serve refreshments, but Jude could do with a hand if anyone is available to help her please.

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 this week on Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.**

The World Day of Prayer

This year, the service is on Friday 6th March at 10.30a.m at St. James the Great Church in East Malling.

Parking is available behind the King and Queen Public House, opposite the lane that leads to the church. All are very welcome.

Diary for w/c 22nd February at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Mon-Thurs

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

Wed

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

Thurs

7.30pm **Lent Course** – Church Centre

Sat

2pm – **Baptism of Gia Blain** - Church

Peter Stevens

We were so sorry to hear the news of Peter's death on February 11th. He was a much loved member of our church community in Ditton. We thank God for his life and faith and take great comfort knowing he is at peace with Christ.

We send our love and sympathy to his wife, Catherine, his son, Jonathan and all the family at this very sad time.

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

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.

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

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

Church Office Hours (till 10th March)

Monday 23rd February 9am - 3pm **OPEN**
Tuesday 24th February 9am – 3pm **OPEN**
CLOSED w/c 2nd March
Re- opens 9am on Tuesday 10th March