

Next week – 15th February 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	John
<u>JAM</u>	No JAM
<u>Coffee</u>	Carolyn & Kieron
<u>Music</u>	Justin

Services Sunday 15th February 2026

10.00am **Holy Communion**
Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Jenny Stout 1 John 5
Praying: Pauline Matthews
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Chris Williams
Reading Carol Wellbelove *Ecclesiastes 12*
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Give thanks for today's Education service. Pray for the staff and pupils at Ditton Junior School, especially for Sheila Ward as Headteacher.

Pray for those struggling with depression and mental health challenges and for those, both family and professionals, who are caring for them.

Pray that as a Church we may be aware of our calling to live as followers of Jesus - and that our love for each other will be a demonstration of the reality of our faith.

Mission

(Making a Difference in Maidstone)

Making A Difference to Maidstone's operations rely heavily on the generosity of the time given by our amazing volunteers. Please pray that they will receive a positive response as they seek volunteers to support their vision with their time.

Thank God for the continued success of the 'Bread and Butter Thing' (partnered since April 2025), where Trinity Foyer now has 482 people signed up on the list. This is a great asset to those in need in Maidstone.

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God the maker of all things.

Ecc 11 v 6

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 8th February 2026

The 2nd Sunday before Lent

10.00 am **Education Sunday Service**
Led by children from Ditton
Church of England Junior School

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Julien Myles
 Ecclesiastes 11, p.678
Praying: Pauline Grimes
Preaching: Giles Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

Education Sunday

We are delighted to welcome pupils and staff from Ditton Church of England Junior School to our building this morning to celebrate Education Sunday. It's lovely to also welcome all family members who are here to share in this very special occasion.

The Church and School have enjoyed a very close and fruitful relationship over many years and this is something that we want to see sustained and to grow in the coming years.

The focus of our service is on using the talents and gifts that God has given us - and the service will be largely led by the children which is what happens when they are here for their Harvest, Christmas and Easter services.

This evening, we continue with our series in the book of Ecclesiastes - and our theme is "Celebrating Life" from chapter 11.

Pancake Party – Church Centre

We are going to hold a Pancake Party on **Tuesday 17th February from 3.00 - 4.15pm**. All children welcome.

Pancake Makers!

Are there any members of the church family who would be willing to make **10 pancakes** for us please? Could you possibly **text or email Amanda** if you are willing to make 10 pancakes - then hopefully we'll get multiples of 10! (07899 091816 or possums25@hotmail.com). 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.

A reminder that there will be an **Ash Wednesday** service on **Feb 18th at 11.15am in Church**.

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!

Diary for w/c 8th February at St Peter's Church

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

7.30pm – **Small Group** – Brampton Field

Church Office Hours This Week (CLOSED Weds)

The Church office will be *open on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th February, 9am – 3pm*.

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)

Free Compost!

Anybody who is interested can bring their own bag and help themselves by the church yard entrance! First come, first served.

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

Our next collection will be on Sun 1st March

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.

Ladies Event: *She Is Called*: All Saints with Christ Church on 7th March 9am-12.30pm

A relaxed and welcoming time to gather, reflect and encourage one another. Beginning at **9.00am** with a **cooked or continental breakfast**, there will be time to chat and connect. This will be followed by a thoughtful and enriching time of **worship, talks and reflections**, with **craft woven into the morning** as a gentle and creative way to engage with what we hear and reflect on God's call in our lives. There will be the opportunity to browse a small selection of **'homemade' stalls**. **Ask Carolyn for more information.**