

**Next week – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

<b><u>Cleaning</u></b>	Sandie & Brenda
<b><u>JAM</u></b>	Ruth & Kim
<b><u>Coffee</u></b>	Ian & Brenda
<b><u>Music</u></b>	Justin

**Services Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**10.00am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova  
Reading: Carolyn McMahon *John 19: 16b - 30*  
Praying: Giles Williams  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: John Paul  
Reading: Giles Williams *John 7: 25-43*  
Praying: Steve Campbell  
Preaching: Chris Williams

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Pray that the war in the Middle East will come to an end soon. Pray for those making decisions of war and peace that they will be given greater wisdom in the decisions they make.

Pray for a good number of children and young people to respond to the Easter Sunday egg hunt as invitations go out in the Junior School. Pray for new families to join the church community.

Pray for those in our church who have been recently bereaved and those challenged with long term health problems.

**Mission (CMJ)**

**The Church's Ministry Among Jewish People**

The General Director, the Rev Aaron Eime says "Our vision is to capitalise on the growing media space to reach more people with the Jewish roots of our faith, challenge the growing tide of antisemitism and offer a rebuttal to Replacement Theology.

Please pray for the staff team as we enter new roles and responsibilities and that we all remain faithful to the calling and vision the Lord has given this historic ministry."

Please pray also for the CMJ Israel Director, the Rev Tom Burden, for great wisdom in his responsibilities for all the staff, volunteers, the Anglican International School and the 3 large guesthouses during the wars.

**Collect**

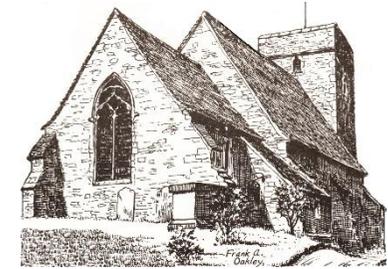
Merciful Lord,  
you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid  
and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thought for the Week**

*Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty".*

**John 19v 28**

# 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> March 2026**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

Leading: Ross Terranova  
Reading: Ian Cropper *Psalms 69: 1-21 p.583*  
Praying: Jenny Stout  
Preaching: Giles Williams

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Giles Williams  
Reading: John Paul *John 3: 1-21, p.1065*  
Praying: Chris Williams  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

## Welcome to Our Services Today

**This morning**, we continue with our series on the last words Jesus spoke from the Cross. These words provide us with very powerful windows into the meaning and significance of the death of Jesus. Everyone agreed that there was a man called Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified outside the city gates of Jerusalem 2000 years ago. The fundamental question is

“Why did he die?” Why did this one singular death change the course of history? Why did the first followers of Jesus come to worship a man who had died such a cruel, shameful, humiliating death? This morning our attention moves to the shortest of the words spoken from the cross when Jesus cried out “I thirst”.

**This evening**, in our series “Come and See - Meeting with Jesus” we look at the case of Nicodemus, a leading Jewish rabbi and intellectual who came to Jesus at night.

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### **Church Family News**

We were really saddened to hear the news of the death of Brian Stuart last week. We thank God for Brian, for his life and faith and assure Liz and all the family of our love, prayers and support at this time.

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### **Orchard Mill Visiting**

We plan to visit Orchard Mill (the new housing estate) on **Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>** as part of our ongoing outreach to the new homes and families there. Our plan is to leaflet homes with an invitation to our Open Air Service which is on **June 28th at 10.00am**. We will meet at **Orchard Mill at 7pm** that evening. The more people we have, the more houses we can cover! Please put the date in your diary.

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### **Maundy Thursday at 7pm**

This year our **Maundy Thursday service** will take the form of a simple supper which we will enjoy together in the **Church Centre** followed by an informal service of *Holy Communion*. If you would like to come to this, please let Carolyn in the Church Office know by Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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### **Church Directory**

New Church Directories are still available. There are a number of changes to email addresses and phone numbers, so please take one.

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUES 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
OPEN WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AND THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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

#### **Mon**

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

#### **Mon-Thurs**

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

#### **Tues**

2pm – Interment of ashes – Kenneth Lupton

#### **Wed**

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

#### **Thurs**

7.30pm **Lent Course** – Church Centre

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### **Lent Course**

Our Lent course this year is underway, but it is not too late to come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Church Centre. The series 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. Everyone welcome.

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### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (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!

There are nomination forms at the back of the church on the font if you would like any, as there will be elections of parochial representatives to the Deanery Synod and the Parochial Church Council.

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### **Electoral Roll**

If you completed an application form last year, you do NOT need to complete another this year. However, if you, or anyone you know who is *not* already on our church Electoral Roll and is over 16 years, has been baptised and fulfils the criteria of living in the parish or habitual worship (as detailed on the application form) they are encouraged to complete an application form and return to the Church Office. Forms will be available in church from **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**.

### **Film Night - March 21st at 7pm in Church Centre – the film “Risen”**

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

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

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

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### **Hazlitt Theatre Visit – 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April**

The next production of the Willington Players will be the Agatha Christie thriller, **“Ground Zero”**. All £17 tickets, for any performance, bought through the Church will earn us a charity rebate, so book your tickets NOW through Ruth Campbell (dittonchurchevents@gmail.com).

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### **“I AM MARK” A Churches Together in Malling free event – Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**

“One man, one chair, one incredible true story” a new staging of the Gospel of Mark. More details from Carolyn in the Church Office.

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### **Easter Services 2026**

#### **Maundy Thursday Supper and Holy Communion**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Church Centre

#### **Good Friday – Meditation Around The Cross**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am, Church

#### **Easter Day Holy Communion**

April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am

and

#### **Easter Praise**

at 6.30pm