

**Next week – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Cleaning** Yvonne  
**JAM** Ruth & Karolyn  
**Coffee** Caroline & Mark  
**Music**

**Services Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**10.00am** **Palm Sunday Praise**  
Led by the Worship Team  
**6.30pm** **Evening Prayer**  
Leading: Carol Wellbelove  
Reading: Ruth Campbell *Mark 14: 1-11*  
Praying: Pauline Grimes  
Preaching: Giles Williams

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

Pray for our JAM (Jesus and Me Club).  
Pray that many families will come along to Church on  
Easter Day for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Pray for an end to the war in the Middle East.  
Pray for a new alignment of leaders in the region who  
can start to imagine a new way forward.

Give thanks for our Bishops Jonathan and Simon and  
pray that they will receive the wisdom they need for their  
commitments week by week.

**Mission**  
**Crosslinks**

Please pray for our partnership with Crosslinks, the  
Anglican missionary society which enables these  
partnerships with all churches, denominations and  
networks which share their convictions. At any one time,  
they have more than a hundred mission partners serving  
long-term overseas in more than 30 countries. Pray for  
the teams and individuals who make short-term ministry  
placements to serve alongside their long-term partners.

Pray also for their support of local gospel  
projects, enabling the training of pastor/teachers and  
evangelists in less well-off countries through their BEST  
bursary programme.

**Collect**

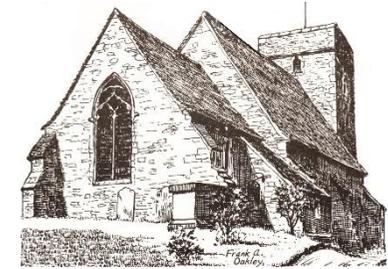
Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thought for the Week**

*When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished". With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

**John 19 v 30**

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

**10.00 am** **Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova  
Reading: Carolyn McMahon *John 19: 16b-30,*  
*p.1087*

Praying: Giles Williams  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm** **Evening Prayer**

Leading: John Paul  
Reading: Giles Williams *John 7: 25-43, p.1072*  
Praying: Steve Campbell  
Preaching: Chris Williams

## Welcome to Our Services Today

**This morning,** we focus on the words "*It is Finished*" in our series on Jesus last words from the Cross. We have seen how these words provide us with windows into the meaning and significance of the most important death in all of history.

Why is Jesus of Nazareth dying such a cruel and shameful death? Is this the death of just a martyr? A pacifist? Is his death simply another story of an innocent man caught up in events beyond his control? What could he have meant when he said, "It is Finished"?

**This evening**, in our series "Come and See - Meeting with Jesus", we look at how the people who first heard and encountered Jesus were divided because of him - something that still happens today.

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### **Church Family News**

We were really saddened to hear the news of the death of Brian Stuart. 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. There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Brian on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm, in church.

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### **Funeral of Margaret Bye**

We recently learnt the sad news of the death of Maggie Bye at the end of February. Her family would like to extend a welcome to everyone who knew her to attend the funeral service in church on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 12.00pm.

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### **Maundy Thursday at 7pm – Church Centre**

This year our **Maundy Thursday service** will take the form of a simple supper which we will enjoy together followed by an informal service of *Holy Communion*.

We need to know numbers by **Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March**. If you would like to come let Carolyn know in the Church Office.

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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 OPEN HOURS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> OPEN 8.30am-2.30pm**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> OPEN 8am-10am ONLY**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> OPEN 2pm-6pm**

### **Diary for w/c 22<sup>nd</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

#### **Wed**

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

#### **Thurs**

7.30pm **Lent Course** – Church Centre

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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, **by Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April** and return to the Church Office. Forms are now available at the back of the church.

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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, "**Towards 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](mailto:dittonchurchevents@gmail.com)).

### **Ladies Lunch - Monday 13th April at 12.45pm**

This will be held at the Redstart, Barming. Please book your place with Jenny Stout ASAP, with your choice of main course from the à la carte menu on-line. 07952 648583

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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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### **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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### **Orchard Mill Visiting 7pm Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June**

We plan to visit Orchard Mill as part of our ongoing outreach to the new families there. We will leaflet homes with an invitation to our **Open Air Service** which is on **June 28th at 10.00am**

### **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