

Next week – 5th April 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	Liz
<u>JAM</u>	Easter
<u>Coffee</u>	Carolyn & Kieron
<u>Music</u>	Justin

Services Sunday 5th April 2026

10.00am Easter Day Holy Communion

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Jenny Stout
Praying: Carolyn McMahon
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Easter Praise

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Kathy Mitchell
Praying: Julien Myles
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray that this very special week as we focus on the events of the last week of our Lords life will be a rich inspiration and challenge to us.

Pray for all those who serve in our countries prisons. Pray for resources to be found so that those in prison may leave as better men and women.

Pray for all the planning and preparation for the Easter services - pray that there will be many with us who do not normally go to a place of worship. Pray for people to come to faith in the risen Christ.

Mission Tearfund

Lord of peace and protection, we lift up the Middle East to you at this terrifying crossroads. Will you walk through the rubble and fields where families seek refuge. Be their shield and their strength.

Guard young and old alike, and all people who are made vulnerable by the shadows of trauma and stresses of war. We ask for your intervention so that food, water and shelter can be provided to people in need.

Strengthen your church in the Middle East to be a beacon of hope. Use us to speak up with truth and hope for a just and lasting peace.
Grant wisdom to people in power, that they may seek the path of peace.

We believe that what seems impossible for us is never impossible in your hands. Speak your peace which transcends all understanding, over all nations across the region. In the name of Jesus.

Collect

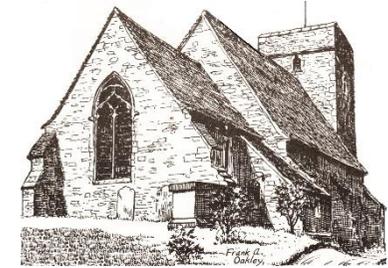
True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Thought for the Week

She did what she could

Mark 14 v 8a

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 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: The Worship Team
Reading: Luke 19 v28-40
Praying: Lin Atkinson
Talk: Chris Williams

12.00pm Interment of Ashes – Brian Knott

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Ruth Campbell *Mark 14: 1-11,*
p 1020
Praying: Pauline Grimes
Preaching: Giles Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

Palm Sunday

Today, we remember that astonishing day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey - acclaimed by the crowds as the King

and as their expected Messiah. How quickly things changed in just a few days leading to the horror of Good Friday.

The week we enter this morning is often called “**Holy Week**” and certainly the events of this week changed the world for ever. We remember with awe and wonder that the eternal Son of God hung and died on a cross as the one and only sacrifice for the sins of the world. As the hymn puts it “*We may not know we cannot tell what pains he had to bear - but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there*”.

There is still time to book for the **Maundy Thursday supper and informal Communion service which we are holding at 7pm this Thursday in the Church Centre** - please contact Carolyn in the Church office if you would like to come.

On Good Friday, at 10.00am Giles will be leading us in a meditation around the Cross. Please aim to be here for a time when we focus on the enormity of God's love for us shown in Jesus.

A huge thank you to our Worship Team who have planned our service for *Palm Sunday* and are leading us this morning.

Questions for Life Events – Tunbridge Wells

“A Passion for Life” is a nationwide campaign inviting people to explore Jesus further. St John's in Tunbridge Wells is hosting some events this week and would love to welcome you.

Here are some of the events this week:
Mon 30th Mar - *What Really Matters in Life?*
Tues 31st Mar - *What Good is Suffering?*
Weds 1st Apr - *How do I get to Heaven?*

All start at 7.30pm and are £5 per ticket.
More information and to sign up, visit
www.stjohnstw.org/life26

Diary for w/c 29th March at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Wed

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

12.00pm – **Funeral of Margaret Bye**

Thurs

9.30 and 11.00am – **Junior School Easter Services**
- Church

7.00pm - **Maundy Thursday Supper and Holy Communion** – Church Centre

Fri

10.00am **Meditation Around the Cross** - Church

Sat

2.00pm – **Wedding of Anna Brooker & Daniel Semmens**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (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!

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.

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 (available at back of church) and return to the Church Office by Sat 4th April.

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

Hazlitt Theatre Visit – 21st – 25th 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).

“I AM MARK” A Churches Together in Malling free event – Sat 25th 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.

Church Away Day - Saturday 9th 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.

Orchard Mill Visiting

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 11.00am**

Easter Services 2026

Maundy Thursday Supper and Holy Communion

April 2nd at 7pm in the Church Centre

Good Friday – Meditation Around The Cross

April 3rd at 10am, Church

Easter Day Holy Communion

April 5th at 10am

and

Easter Praise

at 6.30pm