

Next week – 15th March 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	John
<u>JAM</u>	Amanda & Pauline
<u>Coffee</u>	Ian & Gill
<u>Music</u>	Justin

Services Sunday 15th March 2026

10.00am Holy Communion
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Ian Cropper *Psalm 69: 1-21*
Praying: Jenny Stout
Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer
Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: John Paul *John 3: 1-21*
Praying: Chris Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray that our Lent Course "Pilgrim" will prove to be of great value in refreshing and renewing our faith and trust in Jesus. Pray for those in the worship team as they lead us.

Give thanks for all those committed to the work of safeguarding - and especially for Ruth Campbell in her lead role in the Diocese.

Pray that we may be alert to opportunities to share something of the hope we have found in Christ with those we know. Pray that we may be ready and willing to invite someone along to the Easter services

Mission

Making a Difference To Maidstone (MADM)

Pray for MADM as they supports individual and families who find themselves in crisis through homelessness, domestic abuse, addiction, financial need, unemployment and relationship breakdown. Pray that the charity reliance on donations of kitchenware, homeware, linen, bedding, furniture, clothing, toys, tinned foods, dried foods, toiletries, baby items, cleaning hygiene products and electrical items is met and currently sturdy tents/sleeping bags are needed.

Please pray that sufficient volunteers continue to be willing to give their time to ensure the continued success of their outreach work.

Collect

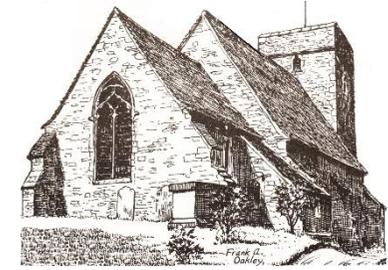
Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise"

Luke 23: v43

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 March 2026

The 3rd Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Amanda Harris *Luke 23: 39-43 & Rev 22: 1-5, p.1060 & p.1250*

Praying: Chris Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Steve Campbell
Luke 19: 1-10, p.1053

Praying: Carol Wellbelove
Preaching: John Paul

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue with our series on the words that Jesus spoke as he was dying on the Cross. These words have justly been the subject of great commentary over the centuries, especially during the season of Lent as we move to the great festival of Easter. This morning our

theme is “**The Paradise Promise**” as we focus on what Jesus said to one-of the thieves who was crucified next to him. It is a word that has brought tremendous comfort to many often at the hour of death - and it sheds light on what we can hope for beyond death itself.

This evening, we look at the wonderful story of **Zacchaeus** in our series “**Come and See**” - some of the great stories of what happened to people when they met Jesus.

Maundy Thursday

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*.

This will take place at **7pm**. If you would like to come to this, please can you let Carolyn in the Church Office know by Tuesday March 31st.

Electoral Roll

All those who completed an application form last year are NOT required 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 22nd March 2026**.

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.

Diary for w/c 8th March at St Peter’s Church

Mon

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

Mon-Thurs

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

Tues

12.00 midday – Peter Stevens’ Thanksgiving Service - Church

Wed

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

Thurs

7.30pm **Lent Course** – Church Centre

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!

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)

Church Directory

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

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!

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.

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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