

Next week – 19th April 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	John
<u>JAM</u>	No JAM
<u>Coffee</u>	Caroline & Mark
<u>Music</u>	Justin

Services Sunday 19th April 2026

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Caroline Gibbons *John 3: 3-7*
& *Ephesians 2: 1-10*
Praying: Pauline Matthews
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Simon Webley *Mark 1: 9-20*
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Giles Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Give thanks for all those who came to our Easter services - and for both Pre-School and Junior School. Pray that something of the hope of Easter will stay with them.

Pray for Tim Yearsley who will be our speaker at our Away Day on May 9th. Pray that many of our church family will want to come and it will be a day of rich encouragement.

Pray for our new Archbishop, Sarah Mullaly in these early days in her new work.

Mission (MADM)

Making A Difference In Maidstone

Pray for the continued dedication and compassion of the volunteers and supporters at Making a Difference in Maidstone.

Thank God that MADM's commitment to the people of Maidstone has been rewarded - they are incredibly honoured to be recognised as *Faith-Based Community Impact Charity of the Year 2026 – Kent* in the Non-Profit Organisation Awards.

Collect

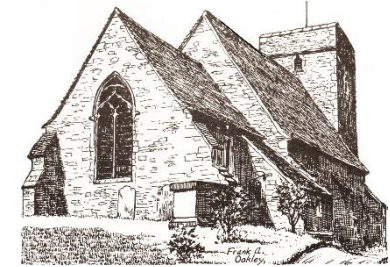
Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice
and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

*"The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ,
the Son of God"*

Mark 1 v 1

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 12th April 2026
The Second Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Alan Warner *John 3: 1-16, p.1065*
Praying: Brenda Smith
Preaching: Ross Terranova

12.00pm Interment of Ashes of David & Janice
Gethin

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul
Reading: Liz Nicolaides *Mark 1: 1-8, p.1002*
Praying: Ruth Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

Summer Programme Card

Please collect your Summer Programme Card detailing what we are looking at in our Sunday services from now until late July –

and some of the other key events taking place in the next 3 months.

New Sermon Series

In our morning series during April to June we will be looking at 2 very different encounters that Jesus had with 2 very different individuals - and what these encounters tell us about the nature of Christian **life and experience**.

Today, we start by looking at Jesus and Nicodemus from **John 3** under the general heading "*The Second Birth, When Religion isn't enough*". Here we encounter Jesus teaching on the necessity of being **born again**. Sometimes we can imagine this term is something recently invented by particularly enthusiastic Christians - maybe from the USA! As we can see, it is something which Jesus himself spoke about and its effect on Nicodemus was literally very profound. *What does it mean to be born again? What is the new birth or the second birth?* These are questions which we will be exploring with the prayer that our journey will lead all of us to experience a richer understanding of the new life that Jesus came to bring, which we have just celebrated at Easter.

This morning, we begin our series and our theme is "**The Respectable Seeker**".

This evening, we begin a new series in the Gospel of Mark which, with a few breaks, we will be studying together until Easter 2027! Mark was the first Gospel, it is action packed and focuses around 2 main questions "Who is this Man?" (Jesus) and what has he come to do? They are the most important questions we can ever look - and make our decision . Why not join us on Sunday evenings as we begin our journey?

Diary for w/c 12th April at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Tues

2pm Thanksgiving Service for Brian Stuart

Wed

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

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.

If you are standing for PCC, please ensure that you have someone to nominate and second you - there are forms at the back of the church.

Bakers

We are looking for cakes/scone bakers for **Saturday 18th April** when Kent County Organist's Association are visiting our church. Please speak to John Paul or Carolyn McMahon if you can help with this.

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 the beautiful St Benedicts West Malling. We are delighted that Tim Yearsley, who grew up in Ditton Church, will be our speaker. Tim is now Head of Innovation at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC). There will be tea and coffee available from 9.30am and the day will start at 10am. The cost will be kept at £25 per person and this will include a buffet lunch and tea/coffee/squash throughout the day. The day will finish at 3.30pm. **Booking forms are now available at the back of the church form – please complete and return to Carolyn in the Church office, along with your payment (or indicate if bank transfer has been made).**

Orchard Mill Visiting

We plan to visit Orchard Mill (the new housing estate) on **Monday June 1st** 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 11.00am**. 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.

Singing Group for Open Air Service June 28th at 11am

Singing in the open air is great fun but volume tends to get lost! We are looking to form a singing group to lead the singing at our Open Air Service - could you be involved? If you are interested, please contact Carolyn in the Church Office