

**Next week – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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

**Services Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**10.00am Morning Prayer**

Leading: Chris Williams  
Reading: Ian Cropper *John 3: 8-13 & Titus 3:4-7*  
Praying: Giles Williams  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Giles Williams  
Reading: Kathy Mitchell *Mark 1: 21-39*  
Praying: Carol Wellbelove  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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**Prayer Themes for the Week**

As schools return tomorrow, pray for the schools in our parish and for those who lead them. The Pre-school is due an Ofsted any time now. Pray for Wendy and her team as they prepare.

Give thanks for those willing to serve on our Parochial Church Council and all taking up positions of responsibility at our AGM today. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and direct our time together.

Pray for an end to the war and destruction in Iran and Lebanon. Pray that true justice and peace will emerge from a situation of such mistrust and fear.

**Collect**

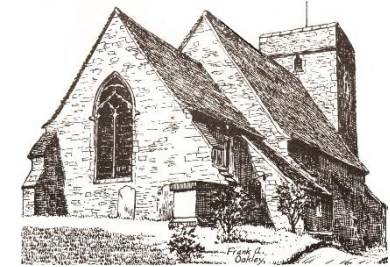
Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained  
by his risen life  
and serve you continually  
in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son 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**

*You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again"*

**John 3 v 7**

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**

**10.00am Holy Communion**

Leading: Giles Williams  
Reading: Caroline Gibbons *John 3: 3-7, p.1065*  
Praying: Pauline Matthews  
Preaching: Ross Terranova

**11.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova  
Reading: Simon Webley *Mark 1: 9-20, p.1003*  
Praying: John Paul  
Preaching: Giles Williams

## Welcome to Our Services Today

**This morning**, we continue our series on the encounter Jesus had with Nicodemus from John chapter 3. Our theme is "*The Radical Requirement*". Nicodemus, a leading Jewish religious leader, came to Jesus looking for answers - he was on a spiritual quest. He got

more than he bargained for! In response to his polite enquiry Jesus, in startling language, tells him in effect that he is going in the completely wrong direction - in spite of his impeccable religious credentials and efforts. Jesus tells him he must be "born again". Born again Christianity often gets a hard press in a sceptical cultural environment that exists in the UK. No question it is often misunderstood - sometimes wilfully. Yet Jesus himself says that unless we are born again we cannot see the kingdom of God. What did he mean?

**This evening**, we continue with our series in the Gospel of Mark. Our theme is "*The Beloved Son, The Radical Call*".

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### **Ditton Film Society - May 16th 7pm Church Centre**

Our next film evening is coming soon and is ***Nicholas's Gift*** – a fact-based drama about an American couple on vacation in Italy in 1994 who make the decision to donate their son's organs after a tragic accident, saving the lives of seven critically ill Italian patients.

A great opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to a good night out. Please contact Carolyn in the church office to book. The evening costs **£5** per person - refreshments served from **6.45pm**

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### **Summer Programme Card**

If you haven't yet had yours, please collect a Summer Programme Card today. It details what we are looking at in our Sunday services from now until late July – along with some of the other key events taking place in the next 3 months.

### **Diary for w/c 19<sup>th</sup> April 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

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### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (AGM) – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am**

This meeting is ***TODAY*** (April 19<sup>th</sup>) after the morning service. Please make sure you are there!

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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)).

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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 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).

Tim will be speaking about "***God's Call in the Everyday***" and there will be 3 sessions, thinking about who you are, what you're part of and how it shows. The good news is that God's call isn't a special thing for those who go into church-paid work, but rather an identity, purpose and daily lifestyle for all of us.

Tea and coffee will be 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).**

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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 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.

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### **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.