

Next week – 3rd May 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	Yvonne
<u>JAM</u>	Amanda & Karolyn
<u>Coffee</u>	JAM
<u>Music</u>	Karen

Services Sunday 3rd May 2026

10.00am	<u>Morning Prayer</u>
Leading:	Carol Wellbelove
Reading:	Carolyn McMahon <i>John 3: 14-17 & Numbers 21: 4-9</i>
Praying:	John Paul
Preaching:	Ross Terranova
6.30pm	<u>Holy Communion</u>
Leading:	Ross Terranova
Reading:	Julien Myles <i>Mark 1: 40-45</i>
Praying:	Liz Nicolaides
Preaching:	Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray that Ditton Film Society will be a good place for members of the church community to invite friends and family to. Pray for the development of this ministry over the coming months.

Give thanks for the friendships made and strengthened through Crafty Coffee. Pray that this group will go from strength to strength .

Thank God for our JAM (Jesus and Me) group for young people and children. Pray this will grow in numbers - pray for those who lead.

Mission Prayer (CMJ)

Please pray for the Christchurch Mercy Fund. This is a diverse team of Arab, Jewish and other Gentile believers. Pray for health and protection from accidents for the team and their families.

The people they serve are the poorest, most vulnerable and least able to advocate for themselves in Israel, Judea and Samaria.

Collect

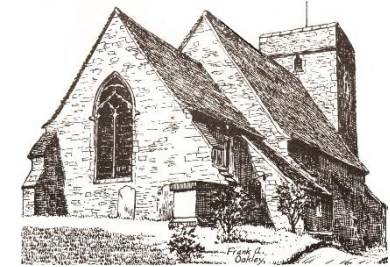
Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit

John 3 v 8

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 26th April 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Morning Prayer
Leading: Chris Williams
Reading: Ian Cropper *John 3: 8-13 & Titus 3: 4-7, p.1065 & 1199*
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

12.00pm Interment of Ashes – Peter Bishop

6.30pm Evening Prayer
Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Kathy Mitchell *Mark 1: 21-39, p.1002*
Praying: Carol Wellbelove
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue our series "The Second Birth: When Religion Isn't Enough", as we explore the remarkable conversation between Jesus and a leading Religious leader

called Nicodemus. Our theme today is “*The Mystery of the Spirit*”.

This evening, we continue our studies in the Gospel of Mark where we will be looking at the extraordinary healing power of Jesus. Our theme: “*The Place of Power*”.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (AGM)

This was held last Sunday after the morning service and 37 of us were there. It was an incredibly positive and encouraging meeting so thank you to everyone who was able to attend and especially a **huge thank you to Ruth** for all her hard work as PCC secretary – as many of you know, this was her final APCM meeting as Secretary and we really appreciate everything she has done for us in this role. We are delighted that *Carol Wellbelove* will be taking on the role of PCC Secretary.

John Paul and *Alan Warner* were both willing to continue as *Church Wardens* so it was unanimously agreed to suspend the six-year rule for the office of Churchwarden for a further one-year term. They were both proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.

After the last APCM, the PCC agreed that members would be elected rather than co-opted. *Kathy Mitchell*, *Carol Wellbelove*, *David Grimes* were willing to stand as a *PCC member*, were proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed. *Chris Williams* and *Steve Campbell* agreed to stand for the next three years as *Deanery Synod representatives*, were proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.

Ruth Campbell was unanimously affirmed to continue in her role as *Parish Safeguarding Officer* and 15 people who offered their services as Sides People as needed in 2025 were affirmed for the coming year

Wednesday Afternoon Group

It has been noted that the meetings of this group were not included in the AGM reports. Please speak to Pat Homes if you would like to know more about this group.

Diary for w/c 26th 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

2.00-4.00pm – **Wednesday Afternoon Group** – Golding Room

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).

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 available at the back of the church – please complete and return to Carolyn in the Church office, along with your payment (or indicate if bank transfer has been made).

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.

It is 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**

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.

The Bereavement Course (Churches Together in Malling)

There will be a new day time course running on Friday afternoons, starting 5th June at Abbey View House, West Malling Baptist Church
Go to: www.wmbc.org.uk or call: 01732 843117

There are films and discussion for anyone bereaved, anytime. Topics include:
• Attachment, separation and loss • The pain and responses of grief • Anger and guilt • Coping with others' reactions • Delayed and suppressed grief • Adjusting to change • Moving forward healthily • Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional). To find out more visit: thebereavementjourney.org

Attendees need to register by 29th May