

Next week – 17th May 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	John
<u>JAM</u>	Ruth & Karolyn
<u>Coffee</u>	Pauline G & Pauline M
<u>Music</u>	Justin

Services Sunday 17th May 2026

10.00am **Holy Communion**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Maureen Morris *John 4: 1-9*
Praying: Carolyn McMahon
Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Chris Williams *Mark 2: 13-17*
Praying: Pauline Grimes
Preaching: John Paul

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Give thanks for the work of Making a Difference in Maidstone.

Pray that the team will know the presence and power of God as they seek to help the people of the town.

Thank God for our away day - and pray for Tim Yearsley who spoke at the day in his work as Head of Innovation at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

Let us continue to pray for a speedy end to the conflict with Iran and also to the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah in Southern Lebanon.

Mission Prayer (CPAS)
Church Pastoral Aid Society

Pray a blessing over the children and young people who attended a Falcon holiday last year, that even as many face challenging circumstances at home, that they would know the Lord's peace and presence.

Pray for those who heard the gospel last year for the first time and have stepped forward in faith.

Pray that more young people would be able to take part in a Falcon holiday this year. Also, pray for Joy Langley (Falcon Development Officer) as she explores new opportunities to develop this ministry for disadvantaged youngsters.

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;

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

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.*

Matthew 25 v 35

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 10th May 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00am **Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Jenny Stout *Matthew 25: 31-40*
p.995

Praying: Mei Chong
Preaching: Rob Foley, MADM

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Giles Williams *Mark 2: 1-12, p.1003*
Praying: Ross Terranova
Preaching: Chris Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we are delighted to welcome, as our visiting speaker, Rob Foley who is the Manager of *Making a Difference in Maidstone* - whose vital work in the town we have been supporting for the past 18 months. We are

grateful that Rob is with us and very much look forward to what he will be sharing with us today.

This evening, we continue with our series in the Gospel of Mark and our theme is “*Bringing Him to Jesus*” from Mark chapter 2.

Ditton Forest School Restoration – can you help?

On *Saturday 16th May (9.15am-11.30am)* our Junior School are needing some help with fence painting, tidying, trimming greenery and getting the forest school area ready for the children to use and explore. It will be a chance to socialise and bring together the community around the school.

Pentecost

May 24th is *Pentecost Sunday* when we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit on the first followers of Jesus.

Our worship team have planned the morning service for that day and will be leading it.

Pentecost Picnic and Praise Sunday 24th May

CTiM will be gathering in *Manor Park*, West Malling at 3pm for a Picnic and Praise Event. At 4pm there will be a short service led by Dave Baxter from WM Baptist Church. Meet close to the car park and everyone is invited to join and celebrate the wonderful gift of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Bring a picnic and any games that folk can join in with.

Heritage Centre Open Day – Today 10am – 3pm

The theme of the open day today is *Local football and World Cup 60 years since England won it*. The next Heritage Centre open day is on Sunday 14th June when the theme will be “*Twinning*”

Diary for w/c 10th May at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Mon-Thurs

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

Wed

9am – **Junior School Assembly** - School

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

7.30pm – **Brampton Field Small Group**

Ditton Film Society - May 16th 7pm Church Centre

Our next film evening 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.

Ladies Lunch – Monday 1st June

The next Ladies Lunch will be on *Monday 1st June at Rochester Cathedral*. There is a free recital at 12.30 and then we will have a sandwich lunch in the Crypt at 1 pm. Please see Jenny Stout asap as we need to pre-order and spaces are limited.

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. To find out more visit: thebereavementjourney.org

Attendees need to register by 29th May

Ditton Church Pre-School Vacancy

DCPS are looking for a part-time *Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)* starting in September, 13 hours per week (flexibility with sessions), term time only. The role will be a mix of paper-work time and time in the room with the children. Candidates to have previous experience as a SENCO and ideally qualified to NVQ3 or equivalent, with 2-3 years childcare experience. Please contact Wendy Caldicott for more information 07845 921621 or see the website www.dittonchurchpreschool.org

Change of Church Office Email Address

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