

Next week – 24th May 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	Sandie & Brenda
<u>JAM</u>	No JAM
<u>Coffee</u>	Pauline G & Pauline M
<u>Music</u>	Justin

Services Sunday 24th May 2026

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Led by The Worship Team

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Steve Campbell *Mark 2: 18 to 3: 6*
Praying: Ruth Campbell
Preaching: Julien Myles

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for newly elected councillors and for all who now are running local Government. Pray for wisdom in the decisions they make.

Pray for those who work in the field of drug and alcohol support - and for rehab centres like Kenward Trust in Yalding.

Pray for those with ongoing battles with addiction.

Please pray for the small groups in our church. Thank God for the teaching and support that they offer. Pray that more groups will start over the coming year.

Mission Prayer
Tearfund

This year's United Nations Global Report on food crises shows that 266 million people in 47 countries/territories around the world experienced high levels of acute food insecurity in 2025. Ten of these countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen – account for two-thirds of all people facing high levels of acute hunger. Pray this week for each of the ten countries. Or pray for one country a day for the next ten days. Ask God to bring peace and healing where conflict exists. And pray for all those who are hungry, that they will be provided with all that they need.

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Thought for the Week

Now he had to go through Samaria

John 4 v 4

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 17th May 2026

Sunday After Ascension

10.00am **Holy Communion**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Maureen Morris *John 4: 1-14*
p.1066
Praying: Carolyn McMahon
Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Chris Williams *Mark 2: 13-17, p.1003*
Praying: Pauline Grimes
Preaching: John Paul

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we begin a new series of sermons from John chapter 4 based on the remarkable conversation that Jesus had with a woman who was drawing water from a well in Samaria. Our overall title for the series is "Living

Water” - our theme this morning, “*The Divine Appointment*”.

This is *the* longest recorded conversation that Jesus had with anyone in the New Testament and is full of tremendous teaching on the nature and character of the life that he said he had come to bring.

The Gospel of John has a tremendous focus on “life” that following Jesus is about receiving “life in all its fullness” as Jesus describes it in John chapter 10.

This conversation gives us a number of insights into what that life is. Here Jesus breaks social, racial and religious barriers in order to speak with a woman whose background and situation is so different from that of Nicodemus who we encountered when we studied chapter 3.

This evening, we are back in the Gospel of Mark and our theme is “The Tyranny of Tradition” from Mark 2.

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.

Diary for w/c 17th May at St Peter’s Church

Mon

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

Tues

11am – **Funeral of Jillian Clarkson** - Church

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 – **Small Group** – Golding Room

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 in the car park at the entrance to **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

To enhance our security, we have changed the email address, so please update our contact to **dittonparish1@outlook.com**