

Next week – 31st May 2026

<u>Cleaning</u>	Yvonne
<u>JAM</u>	No JAM
<u>Coffee</u>	Mei & Jude
<u>Music</u>	Recorded music

Services Sunday 31st May 2026

10.00am	<u>Morning Prayer</u>
Leading:	Ross Terranova
Reading:	Ian Smith <i>John 4: 10-15 & Isaiah 55: 1-3</i>
Praying:	
Preaching:	Ross Terranova
6.30pm	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
Leading:	Chris Williams
Reading:	Julien Myles <i>Ephesians 1: 3-14</i>
Praying:	Giles Williams
Preaching:	Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

As we enter the season of Pentecost, let's pray that as a church community we will experience something of the Spirit's fire in our lives to renew our love for Christ and to make us better witnesses to him in the place he has put us.

As the war in Ukraine grinds on with more death and destruction, pray for something to change and to move in the hearts of those who control its direction. Pray for an end to the killing.

Give thanks for the possibilities of holidays to refresh us physically and spiritually. Pray especially for our local schools as they rest over half term.

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 4 v 31

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 24th May 2026

Pentecost Sunday

10.00am	<u>Morning Prayer</u> Led by the Worship Team
6.30pm	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
Leading:	Giles Williams
Reading:	Steve Campbell <i>Mark 2:18 to 3:6</i> p.1004
Praying:	Ruth Campbell
Preaching:	Julien Myles

Welcome to Our Services Today

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after Easter, marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early followers of Jesus. Often called the "Birthday of the Church", this foundational feast fulfils the promise of Jesus to send someone who he described as the comforter, counsellor or advocate. The Spirit's empowering fire and the

miraculous ability to speak across language barriers ignited the global spread of the Gospel.

On this day we remember the vital role of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit moves within us, transforming our lives, uniting diverse communities, and guiding us in our faith. As we move forward from the Easter season, Pentecost invites us to open our hearts and minds to the work of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who empowers the church today to boldly proclaim God's love .

This morning we are grateful to our Worship Team who have planned and prepared the service and who will lead us today.

This evening we continue with our series in the Gospel of Mark - our theme "*Lord of the Sabbath, Master of the Heart*" from chapters 2 and 3 .

Pentecost Picnic and Praise Sunday 24th May

CTiM (Churches Together in Malling) will be gathering in *Manor Park*, West Malling at 3pm today 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 24th May at St Peter's Church

Mon

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

Wed

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

7.30pm – **Brampton Field Small Group**

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.

Refreshments after Open Air Service

We are looking for volunteers to help with serving refreshments after the Open Air Service. The urn will be brought over to the Village Green so there will be the usual choice of hot and cold drinks plus biscuits/cookies. Please let Carolyn or Carol know if you are willing to be part of a team of 4 to 6 to help.

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 7 consecutive Friday afternoons, 2pm to 4pm, **starting 5th June** (omitting 10th July) at Abbey View House, 61 Swan Street, West Malling (next to the church).

There are films and discussion for anyone bereaved, anytime. To find out more visit: thebereavementjourney.org

Please speak to Carolyn in the Church Office or you can book by texting 07947 036949 by Monday 1st June.

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
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