

Next week – 12th July 2026

Cleaning: John
JAM: Ruth & Karolyn
Coffee: Caroline & Mark
Music: Karen

Services Sunday 12th July 2026

10.00am Morning Prayer
Leading: Chris Williams
Reading: Caroline Gibbons *Amos 5:18-24*
Praying: Brenda Smith
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Steve Campbell *Mark 5:21-42*
Praying: Julien Myles
Preaching: Giles Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Give thanks for last Sunday's Open Air Service. Pray that God the Holy Spirit will be at work with all who were there.

Pray for the Junior School - and for the leadership of Sheila Ward the Headteacher.

Pray for all those affected by the earthquake in Venezuela. Pray for all who have lost loved ones and for all the efforts to rebuild shattered communities.

Mission

Making a Difference To Maidstone

Pray for the many initiatives being undertaken by MADM in our local town and give thanks for the three organisations assisting with financial grants for their services - The Souter Charitable Trust and The Ashla Charitable Trust have both provided funding for MADM's Outreach work, while Maidstone Borough Council has supported MADM with funds to make improvements to their High Street shop. Pray that newly-appointed Vicky Brown will be enjoy and be successful in her new role in Outreach and Office Support.

Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid

Mark 5 v 15

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 5th July 2026
Fifth Sunday After Trinity

10.00am Morning Prayer
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Jenny Stout *Amos 4, page 919*
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Holy Communion
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: John Paul *Mark 5: 1-20 p.1006*
Praying: Carol Wellbelove
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we are back in our short series looking at the book of *Amos*. Amos was a shepherd called by God to be a prophet - and the focus of his message is on the theme of "Radical Justice". Amos challenges us in many ways - certainly over our view of who God is. *Chapter 4* contains a very sobering message

of ignoring the rule and will of God in our world - and thinking there are no consequences for doing so. It's a chapter which sits very uncomfortably with how God is viewed - not just outside the Christian Church - but in it.

This evening, our theme is "When Heaven Invades Hell" as we explore the very moving story of the healing of the Gadarene Demoniac from Mark chapter 5.

Gift Day

Today is Gift Day! We have decided as a Church this year to give to the following 3 missions/charities:

- *Making a Difference in Maidstone*
- *Heart of Kent Hospice*
- *London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (where Tim Yearsley, our speaker on the away day, works)*

Thank you for your very generous giving.

Open Air Service

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in last Sundays open air service. We have had so many positive comments since the service. Please pray that some of the people who were there will consider joining with us on Sunday - and become followers of Jesus.

June News From The Tomalins (Crosslinks)

Adam has had the privilege of wrapping up the semester at Edgewood Campus with a few meaningful one-to-ones with students who want to learn more about the Jesus-shaped God from scripture. Nomfundo has submitted her last assignment for her BTH (Hons) in Christian Counselling Degree. The last assignment was facilitating an in-person workshop with Christian men and women, exploring their Christian identity and how that impacts their immediate community.

Diary for w/c 5th July 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 – **Small Group** – Brampton Field

Board For Interment of Ashes Area

As Diocese regulations do not allow any form of memorial within the new ashes area of the church yard, Sylvan joinery have recently delivered the oak Remembrance Board and boundary posts for the area. We are currently treating the post ends with preservative prior to installation, and it is hoped to have the board in place in about 2 weeks' time. After that we will be able to offer engraved plaques with the name, date of birth and death and plot number.

New Projector

We now have the new projector installed and we can see the service again!! As it is an LED lamp, it should last longer and be a bit cheaper to run. The projector was researched for us by the company that installed it, given the constraints of a fixed location for projector and screen they have done a good job. Linked to this is the aim to move the screen to the nave side of the chancel arch. This should give us a better viewing size and allow the screen to be taken up and down more easily, for communion services for example. It will also be slightly higher than at present, making it easier to see if someone taller is in front of you. The screen casing will sit above the timber beam and the screen itself will be fully retracted when not in use so will only be over the timber beam and chancel arch when it is in use. We are waiting on a faculty to move it and the company to come back with costs. It is being considered that we install a slightly wider screen, fitting the projector beam better and making it even more usable.

Update from Ruth Campbell About Her Studies

"I am almost half-way through the two-year Bishop's Certificate course. This year we have studied Mission and Ministry, Bible and Belief, Worship and Spirituality and Ministry in Context modules. I am pleased to let you know that I have now been accepted for Licensed Lay Ministry training, so I will continue studying for up to 2 more years once I complete the Bishop's Certificate. Thank you all for your loving support, interest and prayers. Bless you!"

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies' Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 15 July at 12.30 at the Chiltern Hundreds**. If you would like to take part, please let Jenny Stout know (07952 648583). No pre-booking of menu required.

Film Night – Saturday 18th July 7pm

The next film to be shown in the Church Centre on Movie Night is "**The World's Fastest Indian**". It is the story of New Zealander Burt Munro, who spent years rebuilding a 1920 Indian motorcycle, which helped him set the land speed record at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats in 1967.

Please email Carolyn in the Church Office if you will be coming.

Food Bank

St Peter's Church now supports the foodbank run by Larkfield Community Church.

If anyone has any donations today, please give to the church wardens bring to the Church Office on Tuesday or Wednesday this week.

To access the food bank, please email: foodbank@larkfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk