

Next week – 27th September 2026

Cleaning: Liz
JAM: Amanda & Karolyn
Coffee: Caroline & Mark
Music: Justin

Services Sunday 27th September 2026

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Caroline Gibbons *Philippians 2:5-11*
Praying: Julien Myles
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Steve Campbell *Mark 8: 1-21*
Praying: Liz Nicolaidis
Preaching: John Paul

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for all those seeking to find a way to solve the small boats crossings. Pray for wisdom and imagination.

Pray for an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine. Pray for the leaders of both countries that a way may be found to break the impasse and to end the killing.

Give thanks for our JAM (Jesus and Me) club.
Pray for all the children and young people who go.
Pray for new members and pray for the leaders.

Mission (CMJ)

Pray for those affected by war, bereavement, displacement, trauma, financial pressure, isolation or fear.

Pray for restraint from violence following the recent political announcements and wisdom for leaders and courage for peacemakers.

Pray against antisemitism in every form, including on the church.

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 1 v 27

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 20th September 2026
16th Sunday After Trinity

10.00am **Holy Communion**
Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Jenny Stout *Philippians 1: 27 to 2: 4*
p. 1178
Praying: Pauline Matthews
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: John Paul
Reading: Julien Myles *Mark 7: 24-37,*
p.1010
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Giles Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue with our series in the letter to the Philippians and our theme from the closing verses of chapter 1 and the opening of chapter 2 is "Striving - Side by Side".

Paul has already written very movingly of his partnership with the Christians in Philippi in speaking and living out the gospel. In this section he writes even more clearly about them “standing firm in one spirit” and “contending as one man for the faith of the gospel”. As they (and we) so often face a hostile world, unity and clarity in what we believe and how we are to live that out are so critical. *So - are we convinced by the power of the gospel of Christ and do we consider it worth defending? Are we prepared to work together in the local church (St Peters Ditton) to see this faith become an increasing living reality?*

This evening, we are back in the Gospel of Mark and a particularly challenging passage from chapter 7 - our theme – “From Barriers to Blessings”.

Harvest Festival October 4th 10.00am

Our Worship Team will be leading the service that morning.

Please bring harvest gifts as usual to the church for that morning.

We are delighted that the Church decorations for Harvest this year will be provided by JAM and children from our local schools.

Harvest Lunch Sunday October 4th 12.00pm

This will be a “*Ploughman’s Lunch*” and dessert. It will take place after the morning service in the Church Centre. Please save the date in your diary and aim to be there! There is a booking form (with menu) available so, for catering purposes, please complete this and **return to the Church Office by Sunday 27th September**. The cost is £7 per person - children eat free.

Adam and Nomfundo

will be with us on October 18th and sharing with us at the beginning of the Communion service that day. We hope to find another slot in their diary where we can meet with them and find about more about how they are and what they are doing - stay tuned!

Diary for w/c 20th September at St Peter’s Church

Mon

7pm – **Prayer @ 7** – Golding Room

Mon-Thurs

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

Weds

9.00am - **Junior School Assembly** – Junior School

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

7.30pm – **Small Group** – Brampton Field

Church WhatsApp

This is now all set up and ready to go!!

Please let Julien know if you would like to join this group or need more info/help. 07870 886249

New Lighting to Improve Church Footpath

Work is due to start at the end of September to improve the path lighting in the churchyard. The floodlight dazzles as you walk towards the gate so is being relocated and *light bollards* are being installed from the vestry down to the gate, giving a much better and safer light spread.

Shoebox Appeal 2026

This year we will be supporting the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal again. If you are able to fill a shoebox, please bring it to the **morning service on 25th October**, or if you are able to buy a few items, we will be collecting these in a box at the back of the church and packing boxes in the **Church Centre on 31st October 10am till 12 noon**. Monetary donations are also welcome so we can buy items to fill more boxes. There are leaflets at the back of the church with instructions about transportation money. Please do NOT attach these to your box. For more information, please speak to Judith Boarer. www.linktohope.co.uk

Getting Ready - Thursday November 26th 7.30pm Church Centre

A time of teaching, prayer, praise and fellowship as we “get ready” as a Church Family for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. With Christmas now appearing earlier every year, the season of Advent can get lost, so we are going to combine the two together! December can be manic in so many ways. So, an opportunity to come together and focus on what really matters - on the event that changed the history of our world.

Holiday at Home

We are hoping to host a *Holiday at Home* in *February 2027*. We need volunteers to get involved with this, but we'd also like to hear ideas and inspiration for what this should event should look like. So, whether you can help in February or not, you are invited to a brainstorming session in the Church Centre lounge after the morning service on **Sunday 11th October**. Bring your coffee! We'll aim to be finished by 12.15pm at the very latest.

Hazlitt Theatre Trip – 10th – 14th November

The Willington Players will present **A Chorus of Disapproval** from 10th - 14th November 2026 at the Hazlitt Theatre. Please request your £17 tickets through Ruth, as St Peter's will benefit from a generous rebate for every ticket we sell. There is a group already booked to go on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm, but we can get tickets for any performance.