

Next week – 4th October 2026

Cleaning: John
JAM: Ruth & Kim
Coffee: Pauline G & Pauline M
Music:

Services Sunday 4th October 2026

10.00am **Harvest Thanksgiving**
Led by The Worship Team

6.30pm **Holy Communion**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Simon Webley *Mark 8: 22-30*
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for all those who are working for peace around the world and seeking to build better relationships between nations that are hostile to each other.

Please pray for the Junior school. For the Headteacher, Sheila Ward, and for all the staff as they prepare for an imminent Ofsted.

Pray that our Harvest celebrations next week will be a time of rich fellowship, where we will see new people coming along. Pray for those preparing the Harvest lunch.

Mission (CPAS)

Praise God for the Venture and Falcon holidays that have taken place over the summer. Pray for the Overall Leaders and the office team as they review feedback, finalise admin and look ahead to next year. As key decisions are made about 2027 holidays, pray the Lord will give the team wisdom and discernment as they plan.

Also pray for the children who attended a holiday, that they would be encouraged and be shining lights in their school.

Pray for the upcoming Ventures at Danehill (27th - 30th October and at New Year).

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Philippians 2 v 8

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 27th September 2026 **17th Sunday After Trinity**

10.00am **Morning Prayer**

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Caroline Gibbons *Philippians 2: 5 - 11, p. 1179*
Praying: Julien Myles
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Steve Campbell *Mark 8: 1-21, p.1011*
Praying: Liz Nicolaides
Preaching: John Paul

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we are exploring one of the greatest passages in the whole of the Bible! It is a staggering reflection on who Jesus is - and what he achieved for us. Here in Philippians 2 Paul calls us to embody the mind of Christ.

Jesus, though divine, chose humility and took the form of a servant for our sake. By lowering himself to the cross, He showed ultimate love. The challenge for us is to seek to practice this same selfless humility in the life of our church. What a challenge - what a vision!

This evening, we are back in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus compassionately feeds four thousand people, yet his disciples still struggle to trust Him. He warns them against the years of the Pharisees - spiritual blindness. Are we also missing God's everyday miracles? This week let us look past our doubts, remember his faithfulness, and trust His provision.

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. They will be distributed to the Larkfield Food Bank that we support and MADM's Food Bank. 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 let Ruth Campbell know by today if you want to come and have not yet booked!*** The cost is £7 per person - children eat free.

Thank you from David Pearce's family

Alison (David's daughter) has sent this message – A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make David's birthday so special for him. He was so happy. Thank you for all the phone calls, cards, gifts and for just dropping by. It was a really lovely day. Bless you all.

Diary for w/c 27th 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

Thurs

7.30pm – **Whiffen Walk Small Group** – Church Centre

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

THANK YOU to our *JAM Club* who raised the amazing sum of **£135.35** with their sponsored walk last Sunday.

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.

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!