

Next week – 11th October 2026

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JAM: Amanda & Kim

Coffee: Mei & Jude

Music:

Services Sunday 11th October 2026

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Alan Warner *Philippians 2: 12-30*
Praying: Steve Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Giles Williams *Mark 8: 31 to 9: 1*
Praying: Ross Terranova
Preaching: Chris Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Pray for all those who are working with the homeless, to provide support and housing. Pray for new and imaginative thinking to deal with the nation's housing crisis.

Pray for an end to the war in Iran, and Yemen. Pray for all those committed to a just and lasting peace.

Thank God for Harvest and pray for all those who will receive gifts given today. Pray for the Junior school and its service this week.

Mission (MADM)

Pray for all those working with Making a Difference in Maidstone to try to improve the lives of those in need of help and support.

Pray that the harvest gifts and donations here today will make a real difference to individuals and families, both in Maidstone and in Larkfield.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

*As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest
cold and heat
summer and winter
day and night
will never cease.*

Gen 8 v 22

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 4th October 2026 **18th Sunday After Trinity**

10.00am Harvest Thanksgiving
Led by The Worship Team

6.30pm Holy Communion
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Simon Webley *Mark 8: 22-30,*
p.1011
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

Harvest Thanksgiving

A huge thank you to all who have helped decorate the church for the Harvest celebration. Also, to our Worship team who will be leading our morning service .

Thank you for all the produce brought to church today. This will be donated to the Making a

Difference Food Bank in Maidstone and to the Food Bank in Larkfield.

This evening, we continue our series in Marks Gospel

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!

The Bereavement Journey Course

If anyone would like to join this course at Abbey View House, 61 Swan Street, West Malling, please go to www.wmbc.org.uk for more information and to register.

There will be 7 sessions, weekly on Fridays 2-4pm (arrive from 1.45pm) and sessions include:

09/10/26 Looking at loss
16/10/26 The pain of grief: how we can respond
23/10/26 The pain of grief: reactions of others
30/10/26 Obstacles to the grief journey
06/11/26 Coping with change
13/10/26 Moving forwards
20/11/26 Faith questions

Each session has a similar programme of 2 video presentations, each followed by a group discussion. There is no pressure to share in these discussions.

Diary for w/c 4th October 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

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.

Shoobox Appeal 2026

This year we will be supporting the Link to Hope Shoobox Appeal again. If you are able to fill a shoobox, 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.

Ladies Lunch - Tuesday 20th October

For October's lunch we are returning to the Redstart in Barming. 12.30 on Tuesday 20th October. Names to Jenny Stout if you would like to come.

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.