

Next week – 13th September 2026

Cleaning: Sandie & Brenda
JAM: Amanda & Kim
Coffee: Ruth & Steve
Music: Karen

Services Sunday 13th September 2026

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Chris Williams
Reading: Amanda Harris *Philippians 1:12-26*
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Kathy Mitchell *Mark 7:1-23*
Praying: Ruth Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

We continue to pray for all those affected by the floods in Nepal and Tibet - all those grieving such unimaginable loss.

Pray for those bringing aid and help in such difficult circumstances.

Please pray for the children of our parish returning to school after the summer break. Pray for our Pre-School, Ditton Infant and Ditton Junior School.

Pray for our new Prime Minister with all the responsibility he has to lead the Government. Pray for wisdom regarding the early release of prisoners scheme - and pray for the debate on Assisted Suicide this Friday in the House of Commons. Pray that this new attempt to legalise assisted suicide will fail at the first hurdle.

Mission (Crosslinks)

Let us pray for the Tomalin family, working with Crosslinks in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa as they prepare for some busy weeks ahead.
Pray that TBT Spring Conference yesterday (5th) was successful and that many students will be encouraged and challenged by their encounters that day.
Also, we pray for Nomfundo's health as the family look forward to the new addition of a baby boy in 2027; we thank God for his blessing in helping Adam and Nomfundi find a new apartment which they plan to move into in a few weeks.

Collect

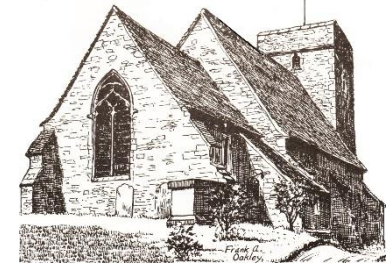
Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ"

Phil 1 v 6

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 6th September 2026
14th Sunday After Trinity

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Steve Campbell *Philippians 1: 1-11*
p. 1178
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Holy Communion**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Liz Nicolaides *Mark 6: 30-56,*
p.1009
Praying: Julien Myles
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

New Sermon series for the morning

Under the general heading of "Sharing Christ in Joy and Sorrow" we will be looking at the letter that Paul the Apostle wrote to the church in Philippi - a church that Paul had been partly

responsible for establishing - the first established in Europe. It is a letter written by Paul from a Roman prison, yet it exudes with a real sense of joy and peace. In fact, the letter is well known for the number of times in it that Paul uses the word joy! As we engage in the rich teaching of this letter on the nature and character of the Christian life let us always keep that fact before us - this was written from someone who was in jail - and who knew that at any moment his life could end.

In the evening, in the first part of the Autumn we resume our studies in the Gospel of Mark, this evening picking up again chapter 6 our theme "The Sovereign Shepherd".

Autumn Programme Card

Please take one and use it both as a means of information and a reference point for prayer. There are *two* events especially to draw to your attention:

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.

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.

Next PCC Meeting

The next PCC meeting will be in the *Golding Room* at **7.00pm on Monday 14th September**.

Diary for w/c 6th September at St Peter's Church Mon

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

Mon-Thurs

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

Wed

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

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

Thurs

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

Ride and Stride

On Saturday **12th September**, Pauline Grimes and Liz Stuart will be striding around as many Kent churches as they can to raise money for the Friends of Kent Churches who offer grants to churches to help with essential repairs. Please support Pauline and Liz in their hard work by sponsoring them (form will be available at coffee in the Church Centre). Also of course, we will be welcoming riders and striders. Thank you to those of you who have offered to welcome visitors to our Church that day: your support is greatly appreciated.

Heritage Centre Open Day

The next Open Day at the Heritage Centre, will be next **Sunday 13th September from 10am-3pm**.

Ladies Lunch – Friday 18th September

The next Ladies lunch will be on **Friday 18th September at 12.30pm at the North Pole, East Malling**. Names to Jenny Stout if you would like to join us.

Film Night – Saturday 19th September 7pm

The next film night will be showing "Wings of Desire". An angel tires of his purely ethereal life of merely overseeing the human activity of Berlin's residents and longs for the tangible joys of physical existence when he falls in love with a mortal.

Help is needed: to assist Pat with serving snacks, drinks and collecting £5 donations for the evening. Please let Carolyn/Pat know if you are willing.

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. Since 1992, this Christian charity has delivered over one million boxes to families in Eastern Europe. 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

Harvest

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

Thank You – Fund Raising for Breast Cancer

Val Clay's Afternoon Tea raised £258.43 + £17.50 (gift aid) for Breast Cancer Now.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity and to *Val and her granddaughter Chloe* for hosting a lovely afternoon.

Food Bank

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Larkfield Foodbank last Sunday. It will be very much appreciated.

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