

Next week – 18th October 2026

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JAM: Amanda & Jude
Coffee: Carolyn & Kieron
Music: Joy

Services Sunday 18th October 2026

10.00am Holy Communion
Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Carolyn McMahon *Philippians 3: 1-9*
Praying: Jenny Stout
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer
Leading: Ruth Campbell
Reading: Steve Campbell *Mark 9: 2-13*
Praying: Pauline Grimes
Preaching: Giles Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

With the Budget coming up in just over two weeks, pray for the Chancellor and his team as they wrestle with the big problems the country faces, especially the cost of living crisis.

Pray for Sheila Ward, Headteacher of Ditton Junior School. Pray for the new vision for the school based on living water from John chapter 4.

Pray for this year's Shoebox appeal, and for Judith Bearer leading our local effort again and going into the Junior school this week.

Mission (Crosslinks)

Pray for safe travel for the Tomalins - Adam, Nomfundo and their daughter, Thandiwe as they arrive in the UK and return to Ditton soon.

Pray for the precious time they will share with family, friends and some of their link churches and that it will be a relaxing and fulfilling time, updating all with their work this year.

We pray their recent house move went smoothly back in KwaZulu-Natal and that they will settle in their new home on their return, ready to prepare for their new baby in 2027.

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and act according to his good purpose."

Phil 2 :12-30

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 11th October 2026 19th Sunday After Trinity

10.00am Morning Prayer
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Alan Warner *Philippians 2: 12-30, p.1179*
Praying: Steve Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Giles Williams *Mark 8: 31 to 9: 1, p.1012*
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we are back in our study of the letter to the *Philippians* and our theme is "A Joy filled life in a dark world". Here, Paul lays out the challenge to the Christians at Philippi (and to us) to actively work out the salvation we have received from Christ

with deep sincerity - whilst relying at the same time on God's inner power at work in us. As powerful examples, Paul highlights the selfless examples of *Timothy* and *Epaphroditus*, showing that true Christian maturity is proven through humble, devoted service to others.

This evening, we continue with our series on the Gospel of Mark, where we have reached the end of chapter 8. Jesus reveals the cost of discipleship by predicting his death and resurrection, rebuking Peter's this world perspective and challenging his followers to life-giving service. As so often in the New Testament we read that true glory follows suffering.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to *all those* who were involved in any way with the preparation of the Harvest lunch last Sunday. It was a truly memorable occasion. The church is meant to be a family and one of the hallmarks of a good family is that they eat together! In particular thanks to *Ruth Campbell and Carolyn McMahon* for their oversight of this wonderful feast.

New Lighting to Church Footpath

A big thank you to **Alan Warner** who has had oversight of this project . It really looks good - and it will be so much safer when we have services during the winter months!

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! Also, Adam and Nomfundo will be speaking at Prayer@7 on Monday October 19th - we hope many will want to come and hear more about their work in South Africa.

Diary for w/c 11th 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

Thurs

7.30pm – **Small Group** – Whiffen Walk group at Acorn Grove

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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

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) started this week on 9th October and continue till 20th November.

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.

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.

Heritage Centre Open Day

The next Open Day at Ditton Heritage Centre will be on Sunday 18th October from 10am-3pm

Church Office

Will be open as usual next week on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October.