

Next week – 25th October 2026

Cleaning: Liz
JAM: No JAM
Coffee: Ruth & Steve
Music: Justin

Services Sunday 25th October 2026

10.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Chris Williams
Reading: Maureen Morris *Philippians 3: 10-14*
Praying: Ruth Campbell
Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Chris Williams
Reading: Ruth Campbell *Mark 9: 14-29*
Praying: Chris Williams
Preaching: Julien Myles

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for the planning and preparation for Shoebox Sunday and for the distribution of the boxes .
Pray that there will be a brilliant response from our parish.

Give thanks for the work that Adam and Nomfundo are engaged with in KwaZulu - Natal. Pray that their time with their daughter Thandiwe in the UK will be restorative.

Give thanks for our links with the Junior School. Pray for Sheila Ward, the Headteacher. Pray for plans to set up an after-school Scripture Club at some point next year.

Mission (Tearfund)

Every day, around 1,000 children under the age of five die because of unsafe water and poor hygiene. In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where families already face these immense challenges, a deadly Ebola outbreak has made the situation even more critical. Now more than ever, access to a simple bar of soap and clean water can be the difference between life and death. This week, lift up Tearfund's vital water, sanitation, and hygiene workers as they respond to this crisis.

Pray for Dr Alison Dennnis as she prepares to come and speak to us on Sunday 1st November.

Collect

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land
of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

Phil 3 v 7

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 18th October 2026 **20th Sunday After Trinity**

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Carolyn McMahon *Philippians 3: 1-9, p. 1180*
Praying: Jenny Stout
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Ruth Campbell
Reading: Steve Campbell *Mark 9: 2-13, p.1012*
Praying: Pauline Grimes
Preaching: Giles Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue in our series in the letter to the Philippians - our theme is "Knowing Jesus" from the opening verses of chapter 3. Paul warns against relying on external religious rituals or heritage for salvation. Despite his own

flawless Jewish pedigree and legalistic achievements, he declares these as worthless! True righteousness, Paul emphasizes comes solely through faith in Jesus Christ - to be found in Him, not personal merit or legal obedience.

This evening, we are in Mark's Gospel chapter 9 at the account of The Transfiguration. It's an amazing incident - what does it mean? What does it tell us about Jesus - who he is and what his mission was? Does it give us a preview, a promise of the future destiny of Christian believers?

Adam and Nomfundo

It's a joy and a delight to welcome Adam and Nomfundo to our service this morning - and to welcome Thandiwe. We look forward to what they will share with us this morning and tomorrow at Prayer@7. We hope the Golding room will be packed as they share with us more of what has been happening and their hopes and plans for the future.

Please remember that the clocks go back one hour next week!

The Remembrance Sunday Service will be here in Church at 9.45 am on November 8th

Heritage Centre Open Day - TODAY

There is an Open Day across the road in the Heritage Centre today, 10am to 3pm.

Diary for w/c 18th 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

Shoebox Appeal 2026

This year we are supporting the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal again. Monetary donations are also very welcome so we can buy items to fill more boxes.

Please bring your completed shoeboxes to Church, 10am on 25th October, transport monies should be handed to Judith in an envelope with your name on. We have been collecting items for our packing morning on Saturday 31st October. We are short of the following items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, sweets or chocolates (BB June 2027 EU origin), small games, small toys (e.g. yo-yo, skipping rope, balls, cars, etc), colouring paper and pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, tape measure, sewing kits, shampoo (max 400ml), small hot water bottles, nail clippers, reading glasses/magnifier (max +2 strength), adult socks or tights. Any contributions can be placed in the box at the back of church.

If you are able to make a monetary donation please hand to Judith by 25th October. Many thanks.

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!

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.

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.

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.