Next week – 8th November 2026

Cleaning: Sandie & Brenda

JAM: No JAM

Coffee:

Music: Recorded music

Services Sunday 8th November 2026

10.00am **Remembrance Sunday Service**
Leading: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: John Paul
Reading: Chris Williams *Mark 10:1-12*
Praying: Ruth Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for those involved in Immigration and Border control as they face the great challenges of illegal immigration. Pray for wisdom as they deal with such a complex problem.

Pray for the people of Yemen caught in a terrible civil war. Pray for an end to the killing and the violence.

Give thanks for the work of Tear Fund and pray for Alison Dennis as she speaks in Church's across the county as their advocate.

Mission

Pray for the dedicated volunteer Overall Leaders of the Ventures and Falcon holidays and the considerable work they do behind the scenes to enable holidays to take place. Pray for peace and provision as they prepare for next year's holiday season. Pray too for the office staff as they prepare for bookings opening in the new year.
There are approximately 60 CPAS parishes in vacancy at this time. Pray for wisdom, provision and encouragement for the leadership teams of these parishes. Pray for the appointment processes and ask the Holy Spirit to guide the right clergy to the right parish and that the CPAS Patronage Team would support all those involved.

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.

Mark 9 v 50

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 1st November 2026
All Saints Day

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Ross Terranova *Exodus 4:1-5, p.60 & Mark 6: 30-44, p.1009*
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Alison Dennis

6.30pm **Holy Communion**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Liz Nicolaides *Mark 9:33-50, p.1013*
Praying: Carol Wellbelove
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today
Tear Fund Sunday

This morning, we focus on one of the mission societies we support - Tear Fund. We are delighted to welcome as our speaker this morning, Dr Alison Dennis. Alison has been a dedicated part of the Tearfund Action Community for several years. Her work includes

combating the climate crisis focusing on how the damage harms communities living in poverty around the world; community and political engagement, meeting with MPs to advocate for structural political action against climate change, and church advocacy sharing lessons on global poverty, sustainability and faith-driven social action.

This evening, we continue with our series on the Gospel of Mark and our theme is *Radical Surgery* from the closing verses of chapter 9. True greatness requires radical humility and a servant's heart. Jesus redefines honour by welcoming the lowly, warning against causing others to stumble, and demanding the sacrifice of personal sin. The language he uses is amongst the most shocking and startling that is ever recorded in his public ministry.

Shoebox Appeal 2026

A big thank you to everyone that knitted, filled a box, donated, shopped and helped with the packing day, final box numbers to follow. Crafty Coffee made a large donation to help towards transport costs and JAM raised £145.35 doing a sponsored walk. We also had some wonderful gifts from Ditton Junior School, Pre-School, Ryarsh Primary School and people in the community of Ditton. So many lives will be blessed by your gifts. it's been a great team effort and lovely to see all ages getting involved. For stories about the people that the boxes go to, check out the delivery diaries on the website.
https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-delivery-diary-2025/

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Remembrance Sunday Service – 8th November

A reminder that next Sunday morning for Remembrance Sunday *we begin at 9.45am* and following the service there is the parade to the war memorial.

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Condolences to the family of Tony Mulcock

We would like to extend our condolences to Tony's family following his death on Monday. Tony was a Ditton parish councillor for nearly 60 years and chairman of Ditton Heritage Centre.

Diary for w/c 1st November 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** – Brampton Field

Giving in 2027

As a Church, we have known God's goodness to us over many years. We have been able to provide for mission and ministry in the parish we serve as well as contributing to the wider work of the Church of England and the mission agencies we support. **The vast majority of the money that we have is through the direct giving of members of St Peter's Ditton!**
In recent months our planned giving has gone down, and, together with that, the Gift Aid we receive on our giving has gone down due to more members of the church no longer paying tax.
Early in 2027, we will be producing information that we hope we will be helpful in enabling all of us to assess our giving for the coming year. Please pray that together we can meet the challenge ahead.

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.

Ditton Film Club – Saturday November 21st

Join us to watch - **The Case for Christ** - *an investigative journalist and self-proclaimed atheist sets out to disprove the existence of God after his wife becomes a Christian.*

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

We will be going to the *King & Queen, East Malling on Wednesday 11th November.* Table is booked for 12.30. £21 for 2 courses.
In December, we will be going to *the North Pole* (how apt!). This will be on *Tuesday 15th* at 12.30. £26 for 2 courses or £30 for 3 BUT a £10 deposit ASAP is needed for this one to secure your place. Names to Jenny Stout if you would like to join us.

Friends of Kent Churches

We have received a letter of thanks for our church's support of Ride and Stride 2026. They are thanking **all** who participated in any way - those who rode or strode, those who welcomed participants, offered refreshments, to the leadership team and to those who generously sponsored participants. Ditton Church raised £760.00, and a return payment of £380.00 was made to our bank account on 21st October, being 50% of the total raised by Pauline & Liz.

Carol Singing

We will be singing in the parish on Thursday December 10th, meeting *on the green at 7pm.* The more - the merrier!