

Next week – 1st November 2026

Cleaning: John
JAM: No JAM
Coffee: Brenda & Ian
Music: Recorded music

Services Sunday 1st November 2026

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Ross Terranova *Exodus 4: 1-5 & Mark 6: 30-44*
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Dr Alison Dennis (TearFund)

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

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Give thanks for the opportunity of rest and refreshment over the half term break. Pray for our local schools that staff and pupils may be blessed during time away.

Pray for the planning starting to happen for our Christmas events and services. Pray that there will be those in our community who come to a living faith in Jesus over the Christmas period.

Pray for our Bishops, Jonathan Gibbs and Simon Burton-Jones in their leadership of our Diocese.

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience,
and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3 v 13b and 14

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 25th October 2026 Last Sunday After Trinity

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Chris Williams
Reading: Maureen Morris *Philippians 3: 10-14, p. 1180*
Praying: Ruth/Steve Campbell
Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Chris Williams
Reading: Ruth/Steve Campbell *Mark 9: 14-29, p.1012*
Praying: Chris Williams
Preaching: Julien Myles

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue with our studies in the *letter to the Philippians*, our theme is Pressing On from chapter 3. Here Paul expresses his ultimate desire to know Christ in a

deeper and fuller way and experience the power of his resurrection.

Acknowledging he has not achieved perfection, he vows to forget past failures and achievements.

Instead, he presses forward like a runner, straining toward the heavenly prize of God's call.

This evening, we continue with our series on the *Gospel of Mark* - tonight we look at a desperate story of a father bringing his demon possessed son to Jesus - the incident includes a cry of despair from the father addressed to Jesus – “I do believe - help me overcome my unbelief!” How often is that the cry of the Christian?

Shoebox Appeal 2026

Thank you to everyone who has brought shoeboxes this morning and a huge thank you to everyone at the Junior School who has been involved. Thank you to *Judith Boarer* who, once again, has headed up the appeal. A reminder that more packing will be taking place on Saturday October 31st in the Church Centre.

Tear Fund Sunday

Next Sunday morning, the focus of our service will be on the work of Tear Fund and we are delighted to be welcoming Dr Alison Dennis as our speaker.

Carol Singing!

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

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

Diary for w/c 25^h 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** – Whiffen Walk group at Acorn Grove

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.

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.

Tom's Gardening Job

Tom is a member of our congregation who has set up his own gardening business. He has had some work from members of our congregation and is willing to take on more work. Kingsnorthgardenservices@gmail.com or 07831 903576. Lawn mowing, strimming, hedge cutting, tidying, no job too small.

Ladies Lunch

Diaries at the ready!

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. Ho ho ho!

Names to Jenny Stout if you would like to join us.

Church Office

The Church Office will be **closed week commencing Monday 26th October** during the half term break. Open as usual Tues 3rd and Weds 4th November