Next week – 22nd November 2026

Cleaning:	Liz
JAM:	Ruth & Kim
Coffee:	Brenda & Ian
Music:	Justin

Services Sunday 22nd November 2026

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Ian Cropper *Philippians 4: 1-9*
Praying: Brenda Smith
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: John Paul *Isaiah 9: 1-7*
Praying: Carol Wellbelove
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Thank God for the work of the Bible Society seeking to give access to the Bible for people all over the planet. Give thanks for the Bible Society teams working in Central Asia. Pray that more people's lives will be turned around when they encounter the love of Jesus.

Please pray for all the planning and preparation that is starting now for Christmas. Pray for a good response to invitations to all of our services.

Pray for our JAM group (Jesus and Me). Thank God for all the children and young people involved. Pray for growth in the coming year.

Mission (Crosslinks)

Lord, we thank you for the vision and dedication of Crosslinks, for every mission partner who carries your word to the nations, and for the projects that bring hope, truth, and love to communities near and far.
Bless their work with wisdom, courage, and compassion.
Strengthen them in times of challenge,
and let your Spirit guide every conversation, every act of service, so that hearts may be opened to the gospel and lives transformed.

Collect

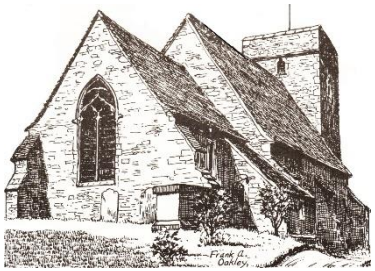
Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Phil 3 v20-21

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 15th November 2026
2nd Sunday Before Advent

10.00am **Holy Communion**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Judith Boarer
Praying: Carolyn McMahon
Preaching: Ross Terranova

12.00pm **Baptism of Lucy-Ann Ling**

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Giles Williams *Mark 10:13-31, p.1014*
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Chris Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we return to our studies in the letter to the Philippians. Philippi was a colony of the Roman empire - and proud of its status as such. Paul in this letter reminds the Christians living there that though they are citizens of the

Roman empire - they have a higher allegiance and that is they are citizens of heaven - of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. It is to him - not to the Emperor that they rest their faith and hope in. Because of Him they have a glorious future - as he spells out in the *wonderful closing verse of chapter 3!*

This evening, we explore Jesus' meeting with two very different casts of people. First little children brought to him for blessing - and then a rich young man desperate to find answers to future hope – 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

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.

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Giving at St Peter's

As a Church, we have known God's goodness to us for many years and have been able to provide for mission and ministry both in the parish as well as further afield. We do not receive funds from the national church or government and most of our money comes through the direct giving of church members. We are so very grateful for all gifts we receive, whether small or large but going into 2027 we are facing financial challenges mainly because of a reduction in our regular giving and also the amount of tax we can reclaim on them. In the new year we will be producing information which will inform us of the challenges ahead and help all of us to prayerfully assess our giving for the coming year.
Using the card reader in the entrance to the church is a great way to give as under the UK Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS), we can claim a 25% top-up from HMRC on small cash or contactless donations of £30 or less!

Diary for w/c 15th November at St Peter's Church

Mon
7pm – **Prayer @ 7** – Golding Room
Tues - **Tuesday Afternoon Group** – 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 Small Group

Shoebox Appeal 2026

We achieved a fantastic ***total of 142 boxes!!!!***
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 these gifts. it's been a great team effort and lovely to see all ages getting involved. For stories about the people that receive the boxes, check out the delivery diaries on the website.
https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-delivery-diary-2025/

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Friends of Kent Churches

We have received a letter of thanks for our 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.

Ditton Film Club – Saturday November 21st

Join us at ***6.45pm*** for refreshments and 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.*

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Vacancy for Pre-School Management Committee Treasurer

Ditton Church Pre-school are seeking a trustworthy, organised, and enthusiastic **Volunteer Treasurer** to join their committee and help manage their finances so they can maximise the success of their wonderful pre-school. This is a fantastic opportunity to use your financial skills to support a great cause, meet other passionate individuals, and make a real difference.
If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the DCPS committee secretary, Jane: info@dittonchurchpreschool.org 07845 921621

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Carol Singing

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