Next week – 29th November 2026

Cleaning: John

JAM: Amanda & Pauline

Coffee: Mei & Jude

Music:

Services Sunday 29th November 2026

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Ian Smith *Isaiah 12*
Praying: Chris Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: John Paul
Reading: Kathy Mitchell *Luke 2: 1-14*
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Giles Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

As talks continue to end the conflict between Russia and Ukraine pray for a breakthrough that will provide a beginning for peace to really take place.

Thank God for our churchwardens Alan and John. Pray they may know God's strength and wisdom in dealing with the work and ministry of the church.

Pray for people you know - that over the Christmas period their hearts and minds may be opened to the good news about Jesus Christ.

Mission (Tearfund)

Conflict, economic hardship and natural disasters (often caused by climate change) are forcing millions of people around the world to flee from their homes, including in many of the places Tearfund works. That's millions of stories of people leaving behind homes, possessions, jobs and loved ones. That's millions of reasons to pray…
Pray for God's journey with every person who has had to flee and help us to walk alongside them in prayer.

Collect

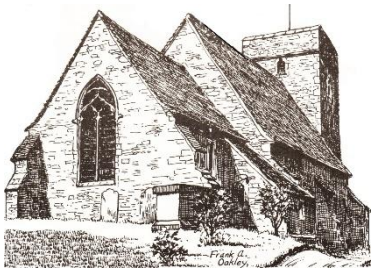
Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light

Isaiah 9 v 7a

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 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Ian Cropper *Philippians 4: 1-9, p.1180*
Praying: Brenda Smith
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: John Paul *Isaiah 9: 1-7, p.694*
Praying: Carol Wellbelove
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue with our studies in *Philippians,* and our theme today is "*From Conflict to Co-operation".* When we read Paul's letters, we are reminded that they were written to real live Christian communities - places where occasions people fell out with each other! Sometimes Paul addressed the situation very

directly - as he does in these verses in chapter 4. We do not know a great deal about Euodia and Syntyche ,cause of the gospel but something had happened which had caused a relationship breakdown. So how do we overcome this? How do we get from conflict to cooperation?

This evening, as we prepare for the season of Advent and Christmas, we begin a short series on the theme "The Light Has Come". This evening "The Promise of Light" from Isaiah 9.

Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday is a day when churches reflect on protecting children, vulnerable adults, and all in their care. The aim is to promote awareness, prayer, and action to ensure safety, dignity, and respect. We are incredibly lucky to have Ruth Campbell as our Safeguarding Lead here at St Peter's Church and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Ruth for all her hard work with this.

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.

Carol Singing

If you would like to join us for carol singing this year, this is taking place on ***Thursday December 10th at 7pm.*** Please meet at the corner of *Ffinch Close and Gorse Crescent* because that is the area we will be singing in! After the singing we will retire for refreshments at Carolyn and Kieron's place - thank you to them!

Diary for w/c 22nd 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

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 up to £30.00

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/

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

Christmas Services

20th December

Carol Service 6pm

Christmas Eve

Carols on the Green at 4.30pm

Christmas Holy Communion 11.00pm

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Praise

