Next week – 6th December 2026

Cleaning: Sandie & Brenda

JAM: Amanda & Karolyn

Coffee: Ian & Gill

Music: Karen

Services Sunday 6th December 2026

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Jenny Stout *Matthew 6: 25-34 and Philippians 4: 6-7*
Praying: Ruth Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Holy Communion**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Julien Myles *John 1: 1-9*
Praying: Liz Nicolaides
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Give thanks for our JAM club and for those who lead and teach week by week.

Pray for Kennedy Emokpaire working as a self-supporting minister in Cambridge. Kennedy and his family were members here for many years. Pray that God will guide him as he explores future options for ministry.

Please pray for all those who will come to any of our Christmas gatherings and services. Pray that God the Holy Spirit will be at work in the hearts and minds of many and that there will be those who will come to know Christ for themselves.

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

Rejoice in the Lord always . I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4: 4

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 29th November 2026
Advent Sunday

10.00am **Morning Prayer**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Ian Smith *Isaiah 12, p.698*
Praying: Chris Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: John Paul
Reading: Kathy Mitchell *Luke 2: 1-14 p.1027*
Praying: Giles Williams
Preaching: Giles Williams

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning, we continue our study in the letter to the Philippians and our theme is "*Joy - in the Lord*". The remarkable fact about this letter is that it is written by Paul - in prison. Life was no doubt brutally hard and very uncertain, yet he is actually able to encourage the Christians in Philippi *to rejoice in the Lord!* Unlike fleeting happiness tied to easy circumstances, joy in the

biblical sense is a deliberate ongoing choice anchored in Christ's unchanging presence and promises. It is specifically - Joy in the Lord - in who Jesus is and in all that he has done for us.

This evening, in our series "*The Light Has Come"* we turn to the theme of "*The Birth of Light"* as we consider the wonderful story of the birth of Christ from Luke chapter 2.

Next Sunday morning, we are delighted that *Charlotte Ratcliff* will be getting baptised. Please pray for Charlotte as she prepares for baptism and pray that the day will be one filled with great joy!

Advent Sunday

Advent is a season characterised by waiting - something which most of us aren't very good at! While preparing ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus - the incarnation of the Son of God at Bethlehem, our primary focus is to the future as we await Christ's glorious Second Coming as Judge and King. This is called in the New Testament "*The Blessed Hope"* and looking at our world today, ransacked with so much despair and hopelessness - how much the Christian Church needs to live out this hope. Let's pray that during this season within our church community, hope will be born afresh in our minds and hearts.

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 29th 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

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
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Churches Together in Malling Forthcoming Events

Carol Singing outside Asda at Kings Hill Saturday 19th December 10am- 11.30am

Collecting for Porchlight Homeless Charity. Please come along.

Jazz Evening - All Saints Church, Wouldham Saturday 4th December 7pm

The Peninsula Big Band are back by popular demand! Tickets £10 per person, cash only, on the door.

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

