Next week – 15th November 2026

Cleaning: Yvonne

JAM: Ruth & Karolyn

Coffee: Carolyn & Kieron

Music: Justin

Services Sunday 15th November 2026

10.00am **Holy Communion**
Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Judith Boarer Philippians 3: 14 to 4:1
Praying: Carolyn McMahon
Preaching: Ross Terranova

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

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Prayer Themes for the Week
Let's pray for all those who are working for peace both at a local, national and international level.

Let us pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine; for the conflict between the USA and Iran.

For the War in Yemen.

Pray for Joy Kemp returning to Bangladesh on a 3 month secondment.

Pray for Ditton Church Pre-School preparing for an imminent Ofsted.

Mission
Making a Difference to Maidstone
Pray for those working and volunteering at Making A Difference to Maidstone Outreach Centre, supporting people referred to them by local organisations and support workers.
Pray that the outcomes are more than meeting an individual's immediate need; that each person leaves with clearer next steps, connections to longer-term support and an opportunity to move towards greater stability and restoration.

Collect
God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week
God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.
Psalm 46 v 1

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 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday

09.45am **Service of Remembrance**
Leading: Ross Terranova

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**
Leading: John Paul
Reading: Chris Williams *Mark 10:1-12, p.1014*
Praying: Ruth Campbell
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today
Remembrance Sunday

On this Remembrance Sunday, we pause to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who gave their lives for our freedom. As we wear our poppies and stand in silence, we pray for healing in our broken world. Let's strive to stand for justice and peace wherever and however we can make a difference, however small that may seem.

This evening, in our series in Mark's Gospel we see Jesus teaching around the challenging and controversial area of divorce. As often was the case, he was asked a trick question by the religious leaders of his day hoping to trap him. How did he respond? What did he say?

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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Condolences to the family of Tony Mulcuck

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.

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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.

Diary for w/c 8th November at St Peter's Church

Mon
7pm – **Prayer @ 7** – Church
7pm – **PCC Meeting** – 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

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.

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.*

2 Volunteers required to serve refreshments

Doors open from 6.30pm and refreshments are available at 6.45pm. Everything will be provided, so please let Carolyn know if you are planning on coming and can help take the donations and serve. Thank you.

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.

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 our committee secretary Jane: info@dittonchurchpreschool.org 07845 921621

Carol Singing

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