

Services, Events, News, Information

Thursday 22nd January

9.30 am – Holy Communion *Short said service*

Sunday 25th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8 am - Holy Communion – *Book of Common Prayer, said service*

9.30 am – Sung Communion

6 pm – Sung Evensong

Monday 26th January

1.30 pm – Braintree Singing Club *in the church hall*

‘A Chain Reaction’ – come along and sing songs about chains and freedom.
£5, including homemade refreshments. All welcome. *Proceeds for church funds.*
Details from David Wood

Thursday 29th January

9.30 am – Holy Communion *Short said service*

Sunday 1st February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

8 am - Holy Communion – *Book of Common Prayer, said service*

9.30 am – Family Service

Items for next week's **Parish News** should be with the editor, David Wood,
by 9.00 pm on **Wednesday** please. Contact: 01376 327606,
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Bible Study

Bible Study for 2026 will resume on **Thursday 12th February** at 377 Cressing Road, at 7pm, followed by **26th February** at the Vicarage, also at 7pm. It will then continue twice monthly at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday (at 377 Cressing Road) and the 4th Thursday (at the Vicarage) each month.

Church Morning Service Times Have Changed!

To enable Fr Richard to be at both St. Paul's and St. Peter's Morning Services every Sunday, our main morning service at St. Peter's is now at 9.30am every Sunday.

St. Peter's Parish Church Bocking

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Parish News

Sunday 18th January 2026

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8 am Holy Communion *Said service, Book of Common Prayer*

9.30 am Sung Communion *Common Worship*

Welcome to our St. Peter's parish newsletter! In it you will find details of our upcoming services, events and things that are happening within our church community.

9.30 am Sung Communion

Please follow the service in the yellow Service Books. The hymns are in the green book. LARGE PRINT copies of the Service Book and the hymns are available. Before the service, we observe a few moments' silence as we prepare ourselves for worship. The bell is then rung, and the service begins.

Opening Hymn: 332 All hail the power of Jesu's name

The Collect: *See below*

First Bible Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7 *See overleaf*

Second Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 *See overleaf*

Hymn before the Gospel: 466 Thou whose almighty word

Gospel Reading: John 1.29-42 *See overleaf*

Offertory Hymn: 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise (omit v. 4)

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer: *See overleaf*

Choir Anthem (during Communion): O holy spirit, Lord of grace (C. Tye)

Post Communion Prayer: *See overleaf*

Closing Hymn: 272 All for Jesus

The Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength. The Lord says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon

Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Your Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Anne Tee, 01376 341076

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