

## Services, Events, News, Information

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

7.00 pm – PCC Meeting at the Vicarage

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January

No Holy Communion at 9.30am today

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

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

#### 9.30 am – Sung Communion

Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

9.30 am – Holy Communion Short said service

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

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

#### 9.30 am – Sung Communion

6 pm – Choral Evensong

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

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Items for next week's **Parish News** should be with the editor, David Wood, by 9.00 pm on Wednesday please. Contact: 01376 327606, [davidwoodsings@gmail.com](mailto:davidwoodsings@gmail.com)

### Bible Study

Bible Study for 2026 will resume on **Thursday 12th February** at 377 Cressing Road, at 7pm, followed by **26<sup>th</sup> February** at the Vicarage, also at 7pm. It will then continue twice monthly at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (at 377 Cressing Road) and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 PCC's have agreed that from the **11th January 2026**, St. Peter's Morning Service will start at 9.30am, while the St. Paul's Morning Service will commence at 11am. The time of the 8am Service at St. Peter's will remain unchanged. St. Paul's will also be changing the time for their refreshments, which will be served before the new service time, from 10.30am, rather than after the service.

# St. Peter's Parish Church Bocking

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## Parish News

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

#### **Epiphany 1: The Baptism of Christ**

**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. After the organist stops 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: 352** Crown him with many crowns

**The Collect:** See overleaf

**First Bible Reading:** Isaiah 42.1-9 See overleaf

**Second Bible Reading:** Acts 10.34-43 See overleaf

**Hymn before the Gospel:** 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3.13-17 See overleaf

**Offertory Hymn:** 55 Hail to the Lord's anointed

**Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer:** See overleaf

**Choir Anthem** (during Communion): A Clare Benediction (John Rutter)

**Post Communion Prayer:** See overleaf

**Closing Hymn:** 408 Love divine, all loves excelling

## The Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## 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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## We are very grateful to all who support St. Peter's financially as we continue to serve our community – THANKYOU!

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A/C Name: St Peter's Church Bocking

Or, you can donate in the traditional way by putting cash into our collection plate at the back of the church. If you put your donation into a yellow donation envelope, tax payers will be able to Gift Aid their donation.

\*NEW\*: we are now using our card reader at the 10am service, so if you want to make a donation to the church by credit/debit card, you are now able to do so.

**Whichever way you choose, your gift is very much appreciated**

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## PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH AT ST PETER'S – SAFEGUARDING IN YOUR PARISH

Your Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Anne Tee, 01376 341076  
IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN RELATING TO THE CHURCH PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH SAFEGUARDING REP. at [psr@stpeters-bocking.net](mailto:psr@stpeters-bocking.net) The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can also be contacted, and their email/phone contact details are:  
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