

Services, Events, News, Information

Monday 2nd February

7.30 pm – Monday Club in the Church Hall
Kathy will be speaking to us about the Citizens Advice Bureau

Wednesday 4th February

2.00 pm – Tea at Two in the Church Hall, all welcome

Thursday 5th February

9.30 am – Holy Communion Short said service

Saturday 7th February

10.00 am – 12noon – Church Cleaning, all extra hands welcome, see Judith Leach

Sunday 8th February – The Second Sunday before Lent

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion

Thursday 12th February

9.30 am – Holy Communion Short said service

Sunday 15th February – The Sunday next before Lent

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday

7.30 pm – Sung Communion

Sunday 22nd February – First Sunday of Lent

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion

6 pm – Choral Evensong

Church Roof Fund Update

As you are aware we had an expensive repair to the Roof in 2024 and started a Roof Fund. We raised £10,054.73 in 2024 leaving a minus balance of £12405.07 at the end of 2024. We managed to raise a further £9027.58 in 2025 including some grants negotiated by Paula Stone. The PCC agreed that the outstanding balance of £3,377.49 be transferred from the Fabric Fund to clear this Account at the end of 2025. The PCC wishes to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their generous donations and support for this Fund.

Bible Study

Bible Study for 2026 will resume on **Thursday 9th April** at 377 Cressing Road, at 7pm, followed by **23rd April** 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.

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

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Parish News

Sunday 1st February 2026

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas

8 am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, said service

9.30 am Morning Worship, led by Fr Richard & St. Peter's Team Ministry

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.

9.30am Morning Worship

Please follow the service in the blue Morning Worship leaflet. The hymns are in the blue hymn book. LARGE PRINT copies of both are available. We observe a few moments' silence at the beginning of our service today, as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Opening Hymn: 351 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Reading: - Psalm 24 with refrain said by all. See overleaf

2nd Hymn: 388 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Reading: - Hebrews 2.14-18 See overleaf

Gospel Reading: - Luke 2.22-40 See overleaf

Benedictus: sung by all, words in Morning Worship leaflet, p.2

The Collect: - See overleaf

Candlemas Liturgy – see separate sheet

Lighting of Candles

Closing Hymn: 398 Love divine, all loves excelling

The service concludes at the back of the church

Psalm 24

Reader: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

All [R]: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. [R]

'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can stand in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,

who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is fraud. [R]

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,

And a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the generation of those who seek him,

of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. [R]

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;

and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.' [R]

Lift up your heads, O gates; Lift them high, O everlasting doors;

and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.' [R]

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

Reader: O Lord of hosts, purify our hearts that the King of glory may come in,
your Son, Jesus our redeemer. **Amen**

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation

to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**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 9.30am 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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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 The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can also be contacted, and their email/phone contact details are:

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