

## Services, Events, News, Information

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

1.30 pm – Braintree Singing Club in the church hall

'Love Songs – 1940-1980' – come along and sing a selection of well-known love songs. £5, including homemade refreshments. All welcome.

*Proceeds for church funds.* Details from David Wood

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

7 pm – Lent Course, at the Vicarage, *see below*

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February

9.30 am – Holy Communion *Short said service*

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – The Second Sunday of Lent

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

9.30 am – Morning Worship

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

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

7 pm – Lent Course, at the Vicarage, *see below*

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

7 pm - Quiz Evening in the Church Hall, *see below*

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – The Third Sunday of Lent

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

7 pm – PCC Meeting, at the Vicarage

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### Lent Course 2026

This year's Lent Course "On the Third Day" will begin on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7p.m. at the Vicarage. *Details from Anne Tee*

### Quiz Evening

The Events Committee are holding a Spud and Pud Quiz Evening with a Raffle on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** in the Church Hall from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Please bring your own drinks.

Tickets are £10 for Adults and £5 for Children up to the age of 11. Tickets are limited due to the size of hall. If you wish to come please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. Payment will be required when booking as that will confirm your place. We hope everyone can join us.

### Generosity Review Questionnaire

Three members of the PCC are attending an event by the Parish Giving Advisors called Cornerstone on 11<sup>th</sup> March. As part of this process, we have been asked to invite as many of the congregation as possible to take part in a Generosity Review Questionnaire. There is an online link - please e mail [leslevcl78@outlook.com](mailto:leslevcl78@outlook.com) so I can forward the link to you. If you cannot access online, we have printed copies available and can submit the form online for you. Individual responses online will remain anonymous, and you don't have to enter your name when filling in the printed form - Please take part if you can - closing date is 8th March. Many Thanks

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)

## St. Peter's Parish Church Bocking

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## Parish News

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

#### The First Sunday of Lent

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

9.30 am Sung Communion *Common Worship, led by Fr Richard*

6 pm Choral Evensong

*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 blue 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: 185** Forty days and forty nights

**The Collect:** *See overleaf*

**First Bible Reading:** Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 *See overleaf*

**Second Bible Reading:** Romans 5.12-19 *See overleaf*

**Hymn before the Gospel: 147** Do not be afraid

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4.1-11 *See overleaf*

**Offertory Hymn: 674** Sweet sacrament divine

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

**Choir Anthem** (during Communion): O God, you search me (Bernadette Farrell)

**Post Communion Prayer:** *See overleaf*

**Closing Hymn: 217** God is working his purpose out

**6 pm Choral Evensong** (*Green hymn book/green booklet*):

**Introit:** O most merciful (Charles Wood)

**Responses:** St. Martin's (David Drinkell)

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 6.4-9,16-25; Luke 15.1-10

**Psalm: 50** v.1-15 (Chant: P. Henley)

**Office Hymn: 331** Abide with me

**Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:** C.V. Stanford in B flat

**Anthem:** Lord, I trust thee (G.F. Handel)

**Closing Hymn: 73** My God, I love thee, not because

### The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Genesis

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and *singing*: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord....**

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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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**Sort Code: 30-91-14**  
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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.

**We are now also using our card reader at the 9.30am service.**

***Whichever way you choose to give to St. Peter's, your gift is 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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### **ST PETER'S CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHY / FILMING / LIVE STREAMING POLICY:**

Only designated persons authorised by the PCC are allowed to take photographs or film/ stream on behalf of the parish during our services and events. Rebecca Chand, Rachel Hope and Paula Stone are the designated photographers for the parish. Photographs/footage containing children will only be taken with written permission from parents/legal guardians (see Appendix 1 Consent Form with our full Electronic /Media /Photography and Safer Working policies on our website at <https://stpeters-bocking.net/html/wordpress/> on our Safeguarding tab ). Other photographs taken of adults in services and events will have an expressed announcement that will be taken only with their permission by the Parish authorised person/s. The full PCC approved policies are on our Church website and on the noticeboards in the church and the church hall.