

## Services, Events, News, Information

### 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*

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

9.30 am – Holy Communion *Short said service*

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

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

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

10-12noon – Church Cleaning all extra hands welcome

### 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

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

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

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### 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 email [leslevel78@outlook.com](mailto:leslevel78@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 8<sup>th</sup> March. Many Thanks

### Bible Study

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

### Raffle

The Events Committee are holding a Raffle for New Homemade Quilt which has been donated to us by the Quilting Group who meet in the Church Hall. Tickets will be £1.00 each and the Raffle will be drawn on the **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April** after the service.

# St. Peter's Parish Church Bocking

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## Parish News

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

#### The Second Sunday of Lent

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

9.30 am Morning Worship *led by Fr Richard and 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 green 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: 76** Take up thy cross

**Reading: -** Psalm 121 *with refrain said by all. See overleaf*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hymn: 238** New every morning is the love

**Reading: -** Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 *See overleaf*

**Gospel Reading: -** John 3.1-17 *See overleaf*

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

**The Collect: -** *See overleaf*

**Closing Hymn: 439** Praise to the holiest

Items for next week's **Parish News** should be with the editor, David Wood, by **6.00 pm on MONDAY** please.

**Please note the earlier deadline, for this week only.**

Contact: 01376 327606, [davidwoodsings@gmail.com](mailto:davidwoodsings@gmail.com)

## Psalm 121

**Leader:** The Lord shall keep you from all evil.

**All: The Lord shall keep you from all evil.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth. [R]

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;

he who watches over you will not sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel

shall neither slumber nor sleep. [R]

The Lord himself watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,

neither the moon by night. [R]

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;

it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out

and your coming in,

from this time forth for evermore. [R]

**Glorify 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:** Lord, ever watchful and faithful, we look to you to be our defence

and we lift our hearts to know your help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—Abraham believed in the presence of the God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things

be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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**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:

[safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org) 01245 29 44 44.



### **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.