

Services, Events, News, Information

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday

7.30 pm – Sung Communion

Thursday 19th February

9.30 am – Holy Communion *Short said service*

Sunday 22nd February – The First Sunday of Lent

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion

6 pm – Choral Evensong

Monday 23rd 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 25th February

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

Thursday 26th February

9.30 am – Holy Communion *Short said service*

Sunday 1st March – The Second Sunday of Lent

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

9.30 am – Morning Worship

Lent Course 2026

This year's Lent Course "On the Third Day" will begin on Wednesday 25th 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 6th 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 11th 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 lesleycl78@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

Bible Study

Bible Study for 2026 will resume after Easter 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.

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Parish News

Sunday 15th February 2026

The Sunday Next Before Lent – Transfiguration Sunday

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

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

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: 234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

The Collect: *See overleaf*

First Bible Reading: Exodus 24.12-18 *See overleaf*

Second Bible Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-21 *See overleaf*

Hymn before the Gospel: 178 'Tis good Lord to be here

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17.1-9 *See overleaf*

Offertory Hymn: 305 Soul of my saviour

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer: *See page 10 of the yellow service book*

Choir Anthem (during Communion): Author of life divine (Cecilia McDowall)

Post Communion Prayer: *See overleaf*

Closing Hymn: 271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

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

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 Exodus

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When

the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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

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

safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org 01245 29 44 44.



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