

## Services, Events, News, Information

(including the services for Holy Week and Easter)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

7 pm – Lent Course, at the Vicarage

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

9.30 am – Holy Communion *Short said service*

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide Begins)

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion

6.00 pm – Sung Evensong

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

1.30 pm – Braintree Singing Club *in the church hall*

ABBA Magic – come and sing along to ABBA hits, led by David Wood  
£5, including home-made refreshments. Proceeds to church funds.

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

7 pm – Lent Course, at the Vicarage

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

9.30 am – Holy Communion *Short said service*

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion starting with the Procession of Palms from the church hall

### Maundy Thursday - 2<sup>nd</sup> April

7.30 pm - Sung Communion, with the Stripping of the Altar and  
Sanctuary, followed by the Watch of Prayer until 10 pm

### Good Friday - 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10 am - Braintree Area Churches Together United Service at RCCG (East Street)

1.30 pm - Liturgy of Good Friday, Proclamation of the Cross and Communion

### Easter Day - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

8 am: Holy Communion – *Book of Common Prayer*

9.30 am - Family Communion with the Lighting of the Easter Candle and the Renewal of our  
Baptismal Vows. *Don't forget to bring your bells!*

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### 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 **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April** after the service.

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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### The Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday

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

9.30 am Family Communion *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 Family Communion:

*Please follow the service in the Green Service Books. The hymns are in the  
green 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: 336** Angel voices, ever singing

**The Collect:** *See overleaf*

**Bible Readings:** Exodus 2.1-10; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 *See overleaf*

**Hymn before the Gospel: 413** Now thank we all our God

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:33-35 *See overleaf*

**Offertory Hymn: 185** Sing we of the blessed mother

**Choir Anthems:** (during Communion)

Ave verum (Edward Elgar) *Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary*

Shall we not love thee, mother dear (Simon Lole)

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

**Notices, followed by the distribution of Mothering Sunday posies**

**Closing Hymn: 394** Let all the world in every corner sing

## The Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Exodus

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. 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.'

## The Prayer after Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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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**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](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.