

## Services, Events, News, Information

(including the services for Holy Week and Easter)

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

*No Holy Communion at 9.30 am today*

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!*

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*

7 pm – Bible Study at 377 Cressing Road

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

10 am-12 noon – Church Cleaning *all extra hands welcome*

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

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

9.30 am - Sung Communion

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

7.00 pm – Concert with Braintree Male Voice Choir at St. Paul's Church, Hay Lane South

Tickets: £8, from 0750 1251981 or on the door

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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 a 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.

### Tea at Two

The number coming to Tea at Two has fallen badly so we have decided that due to lack of support Tea at Two will be taking a break from April onwards. Thank you to those who have been coming and we hope to see you at other events at St. Peters.

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 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### The Sixth Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday

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

9.30 am **Sung Communion** with Palm Sunday Procession and Liturgy, and the Distribution of Palms *led by Fr Richard*

*The service begins in the church hall*

*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

*We begin our Service in the Church Hall, with the following:*

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

*The president introduces the Liturgy.*

*We hold up our Palm Crosses to be blessed:*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our king, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Palm Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah

**Hymn NEH 509** All glory, laud and honour *(all verses)*

**The Collect is then said as we remain standing:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50.4-9 *(see opposite)*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11 *(see opposite)*

**Gradual hymn: 94** We sing the praise of him who died

**Passion Gospel:** Matthew 26.14-27.66

*This is a very long reading, so if able we remain standing for the first part, and then sit down. Due to its length, this reading is not printed in Parish News. This response is said before the reading:*

Hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*There is no response at the end of the reading, and silence is kept.*

The **Prayers of Intercession** follow *(page 8 in yellow Service booklet)*.

**Offertory Hymn: 86** My song is Love unknown (omit \* verses 4 & 6)

**Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and singing: **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Choir Anthem** (during Communion): O saviour of the world (John Goss)

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn: 511** Ride on, ride on, in majesty

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### **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**THANKYOU!** If you would like to make an online donation you can do so by using the adjacent **QR code** or the following link -

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/336ef168-8791-4572-8244-59305959e3dc>

**Alternatively**, you can make a one off payment or set up a standing order by using these account details:

**Sort Code: 30-91-14**  
**A/C No. 00991224**

**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.