

Services, Events, News, Information

Thursday 7th May

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*

Saturday 9th May

1 pm – Bring and Share Lunch, including a table quiz and games.
In the Church Hall. Details from Anne Tee

Sunday 10th May

8 am - Holy Communion – *Book of Common Prayer*
9.30 am – Sung Communion *led Fr. Richard*

Wednesday 13th May

7 pm – PCC Meeting *at the Vicarage*

Thursday 14th May

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*

Sunday 17th May

8 am - Holy Communion – *Book of Common Prayer, led by Revd. Roman Kukiewicz*
9.30 am – Sung Communion *led Revd. Rob Cadman*

Photos Needed

If you are coming to the Bring and Share lunch on Saturday, 9th May, please would you lend me a photograph of yourself as a baby, child or young teenager for a “Who’s Who?” quiz. Many thanks, Janet Wash.

Maytime Music @ St. Peter’s

with The Dunmow Community Singers, St. Peter’s Sixteen
and special guest Stephen Wood (piano)
including songs from the shows; opera and operetta; classical; church music; and pop.
Saturday 30th May, 7.30pm at St. Peter’s Church, Bocking
Tickets/Admission £8.00, see David Wood for more details and handbills.

Summer Raffle and Cake Stall

The Events Committee will be holding our annual Summer Raffle and a Cake Stall on **Sunday 31 May** after the Service. Tickets will be available from the back of the Church. Please make every effort to sell as many tickets as you can as this is one of our major fundraisers to help raise money for the Church. Donations for the food hamper for the Summer Raffle are required. If anyone would like to donate any items please such as Jam, Tea, Coffee, Tins of food, small bottles of Sauce, Salad Cream, Pasta, sweets etc or any ideas you have food wise they will be gratefully received. Please bring them to Church by Sunday 24 May and no later.

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

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Parish News

Sunday 3rd May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

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

9.30 am Morning 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.

9.30am Morning Worship

Please follow the service in the blue Morning Worship leaflet. The hymns are in the blue 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: 21 All my hope on God is founded

First Reading: - Psalm 31.1-5 - *with refrain said by all. See overleaf*

Hymn: 230 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Second Reading: - Acts 7.55-60 *See overleaf*

Gospel Reading: - John 14.1-14 *See overleaf*

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

The Collect: - *See overleaf*

Closing Hymn: 183 Forth in the peace of Christ

A Reading from Psalm 31

Reader: Let your face shine on your servants, and we shall be saved.

All (R): Let your face shine on your servants, and we shall be saved.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame;

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;

make haste to deliver me. **R**

Be my strong rock, a fortress to keep me safe,

for you are my rock and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **R**

Take me out of the net

that they have secretly set for me,

for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. **R**

Glory 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.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever

has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



We are very grateful to all who support St Peter's financially as we continue to serve our community - **THANK YOU!** If you would like to make an online donation you can do so by using the adjacent QR code or visiting www.parishgiving.org.uk. You can also use this website to set up a regular direct debit. You can phone the team on 0333 002 1271.

Our Parish Reference is 080608422.

We also welcome donations in the traditional way by putting cash/cheque into our collection plate at the back of the Church. Taxpayers can Gift Aid their donation by using the yellow donation envelope. We also have a card reader available.

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.



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.