

Services, Events, News, Information

Sunday 26th April

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

9.30 am - Sung Communion, *followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

6 pm – Choral Evensong

Monday 27th April

1.30 pm – Braintree Singing Club

‘Red, Yellow and a Touch of Green’ – songs with colour! £5, including refreshments.

In aid of church funds. All welcome. *Further details from David Wood*

Thursday 30th April

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*

7 pm – Bible Study *at The Vicarage*

Sunday 3rd May

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

9.30 am – Morning Worship *led Fr. Richard and St. Peter's Team Ministry*

Parish Giving Scheme

On Sunday 22nd March there was a presentation about the Parish Giving Scheme and our vulnerable financial position. A full transcript of the presentation and accompanying documents are available at the back of the Church. People are encouraged to look at the new Scheme to see if they can use this for their giving. Any questions, please speak to the Treasurer, Lesley Cook in Church or on 07734790465 or lesleycl78@outlook.com

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.

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 19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion *Book of Common Prayer, said service
led by Revd. Roman Kukiewicz*

9.30 am Sung Communion *led by Revd. Rob Cadman*

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 blue 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: 728 Thine be the glory

The Collect: *See below*

First Bible Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-20 *See below*

Second Bible Reading: Acts 2.14, 36-41 *See overleaf*

Hymn before the Gospel: 778 We have a gospel to proclaim

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.13-35 *See overleaf*

Offertory Hymn: 32 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for Easter: *See overleaf*

Choir Anthem: The true and living bread (David Blackwell)

Post Communion Prayer: *See overleaf*

Closing Hymn: 818 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

The Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 the Prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
 he has turned away your enemies.
 The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
 you shall fear disaster no more.
 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
 "Do not fear, O Zion;
 do not let your hands grow weak.
 The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
 a warrior who gives victory;
 he will rejoice over you with gladness;
 he will renew you in his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing
 as on a day of festival."
 I will remove disaster from you,
 so that you will not bear reproach for it.
 I will deal with all your oppressors
 at that time.
 And I will save the lame
 and gather the outcast,
 and I will change their shame into praise
 and renown in all the earth.
 At that time I will bring you home,
 at the time when I gather you;
 for I will make you renowned and praised
 among all the peoples of the earth,
 when I restore your fortunes
 before your eyes, says the Lord.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd. "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

On that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" Jesus asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it

is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see ." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, 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.**

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 SAFEGUARDING IN YOUR PARISH**

Your Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Anne Tee, 01376 341076

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