

Services, Events, News, Information

Thursday 9th April

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*
7 pm – Bible Study at 377 Cressing Road

Saturday 11th April

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

Sunday 12th April

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

Thursday 16th April

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*

Saturday 18th 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

Sunday 19th April

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

Thursday 30th April

7 pm – Bible Study at *The Vicarage*

St. Peter's Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is being reviewed to check it's up to date ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. There is a copy of it at the back of the church. If you wish to join the Roll please complete an Application Form for Enrolment from the back of the church or contact Claire Gibson (Electoral Roll Officer) on 07885 616596 and return it before the revision ends on 12th April. Thank you, Claire

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

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 12th 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

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Parish News **Sunday 5th April 2026** Easter Day

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

9.30 am **Sung Communion** with the Lighting of the Easter Candle and
the Renewal of our Baptismal Vows *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 on the separate service leaflet for Easter Day.

The Collect, Readings and Post Communion Prayer for today's service are printed below and overleaf. The hymns are in the blue hymn book. *Large print versions are available.*

The Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword

found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to

him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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 - **THANK YOU!** If you would like to make an online donation you can do so by using the QR code above 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.