

Services, Events, News, Information

Monday 13th April

7.30 pm – Monday Club - Our speaker will be Terry Nunn from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.
In the church hall.

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 (Fr. Richard is on annual leave)

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

Sunday 26th April

8 am - Holy Communion – *Book of Common Prayer*
9.30 am - Sung Communion, followed by Church AGM
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.

Thursday 30th April

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*
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 9.30am 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 12th April 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

9.30 am Sung 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 Sung Communion

Please follow the service in the yellow Service Books. The hymns are in the green 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: 105 Christ the Lord is risen again

The Collect: See below

First Bible Reading: Exodus 14.10-31, 15.20-21 See below

Second Bible Reading: Acts 2.14, 22-32 See overleaf

Hymn before the Gospel: 342 Breathe on me, breath of God

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-31 See overleaf

Offertory Hymn: 368 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for Easter: See overleaf

Choir Anthem: Come, my way, my truth, my life (Noel Rawsthorne)

Post Communion Prayer: See overleaf

Closing Hymn: 121 This joyful Eastertide

The Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that

the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them, and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.” The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be

with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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

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.

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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.