

## Services, Events, News, Information

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> April

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*

7 pm – Bible Study at *The Vicarage*

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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

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

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion *led Fr. Richard*

### There is no Church Cleaning in May

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### 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.

### Mavtime 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:davidwoodsings@gmail.com)

# St. Peter's Parish Church Bocking

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## Parish News

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

9.30 am Sung Communion

6 pm Choral Evensong

*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:** 113 Love's redeeming work is done

**The Collect:** *See overleaf*

**First Bible Reading:** Genesis 7 *See overleaf*

**Second Bible Reading:** Acts 2.42-47 *See overleaf*

**Hymn before the Gospel:** 457 The King of love my shepherd is

**Gospel Reading:** John 10.1-10 *See overleaf*

**Offertory Hymn:** 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

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

**Choir Anthem:** Brother James' Air (arr. Gordon Jacob)

**Post Communion Prayer:** *See overleaf*

**Closing Hymn:** 112 Jesus lives, thy terrors now

### 6 pm Choral Evensong

**Introit:** Teach me, O Lord (William Fox)

**Responses:** St. Martin's (David Drinkell)

**Readings:** Ezra 3.1-13; Ephesians 2.11-end

**Psalm:** 29 (Chant: T. Attwood)

**Office Hymn:** 206 Christ is our cornerstone

**Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:** H. Brewer in D

**Anthem:** The strife is o'er (arr. Henry Ley)

**Closing Hymn:** 114 Now is eternal life

## The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. Of clean animals and of animals that are not clean and of birds and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind and all domestic animals of every kind and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth and every bird of every kind. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him, and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth, and the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left and those with him in the ark. And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred fifty days.

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Many were baptised and added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

## 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

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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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](mailto:psr@stpeters-bocking.net) The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can also be contacted, and their email/phone contact details are: [safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto: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.