

Services, Events, News, Information

Thursday 21st May

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*

Sunday 24th May (Day of Pentecost: Whit Sunday)

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion

6 pm Choral Evensong

Our next Evensong on 28th June will be starting at 3pm

Thursday 28th May

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*

Saturday 30th May

7.30 pm – “Maytime Music @ St. Peter’s”

Concert in the church - details below

Sunday 31st May (Trinity Sunday)

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

9.30 am – Sung Communion

12.30 pm – Fr. Richard’s Farewell Bring and Share Lunch at St. Paul’s

Details at the back of the church

Christian Aid Week

This year’s Christian Aid week is **10-16th May** with a focus on tackling urban poverty. There are now Christian Aid envelopes at the back of the church should you like to donate.

I will leave the envelopes there for a few weeks to give as many people as possible the chance to donate. There is a Christian Aid box to put filled envelopes in. If you wish me to collect any, please message or call me on 07885 616596. Many thanks, Claire.

Maytime Music @ St. Peter’s

A concert 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. *For church funds.*

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. The Events Committee will be grateful for donations of Cakes for our stall on Sunday 31 May (these can be brought on the day). Cake donations will need a list of the ingredients used in accordance with new health and safety guidelines.

Money raised will go to Church Funds.

Children’s Society

It is now time for those who have boxes to have them emptied. You can give your box to me at the 9.30am service. Do not worry if you haven’t got much in your box as every little helps the society.

Diane Beck (Children’s Society Parish Co-Ordinator)

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 17th May 2026

7th Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension Day

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: 240 Hail the day that sees him rise

The Collect: *See below*

First Bible Reading: Ezekiel 36.24-28 *See overleaf*

Second Bible Reading: Acts 1.6-14 *See overleaf*

Hymn before the Gospel: 696 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Gospel Reading: John 17.1-11 *See overleaf*

Offertory Hymn: 37 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer: *See overleaf*

Choir Anthems: Litany to the Holy Spirit (Peter Hurford); The Lord’s Prayer (Rimsky-Korsakov)

Post Communion Prayer: *See overleaf*

Closing Hymn: 113 Christ triumphant

The Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 Ezekiel

The word of the Lord came to me: I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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....**

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for Ascensiontide

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. He is the one who has gone before us, who calls us to be united in prayer as were his disciples in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost. Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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 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.



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