

## Services, Events, News, Information

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

9.30 am - Holy Communion *short said service*  
7 pm – Bible Study at The Vicarage

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

7.30 pm – “Maytime Music @ St. Peter’s”  
*Concert in the church - details below*

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May (Trinity Sunday)

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

Followed by Summer Raffle and Cake Stall, *see below*

12.30 pm – Fr. Richard’s Farewell Bring and Share Lunch at St. Paul’s  
*Details at the back of the church*

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June (The First Sunday after Trinity)

8 am - Holy Communion – *Book of Common Prayer*  
9.30 am – Morning Worship *led by St. Peter’s Team Ministry*  
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### Baptisms

We have 3 baptisms in our Church today (24<sup>th</sup> May) at a 1.30pm special service. As many who can attend as Church family to support and encourage them in the start of their Christian journey are welcome. *Fr Richard*

### Christian Aid Week

There is still time to donate for Christian Aid Week. Envelopes are at the back of the church and a box to put in filled ones. If you wish me to collect any, please message or call me on 07885 616596. Thanks to those who have donated so far. 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 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. *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 9.30sm 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](mailto:davidwoodsings@gmail.com)

# St. Peter’s Parish Church Bocking

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## Parish News

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

#### Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8 am Holy Communion *Book of Common Prayer,*

9.30 am Sung Communion *led by Fr. Richard*

1.30 pm Three Baptisms in the Church – *see notice on back page*

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: 138** Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

**The Collect:** *See overleaf*

**First Bible Reading:** Acts 2.1-21 *See overleaf*

**Second Bible Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12.3-13 *See overleaf*

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

**Gospel Reading:** John 20.19-23 *See overleaf*

**Offertory Hymn: 140** Holy spirit, come confirm us

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

**Choir Anthem:** Like the murmur of the dove’s song (Alan Smith)

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

**Closing Hymn: 431** O thou who camest from above

### 6 pm Choral Evensong

**Introit:** O holy spirit, Lord of grace (Christopher Tye)

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

**Readings:** Joel 2.21-32; Acts 2.14-21 (22-38)

**Psalm: 67** (Chant: J. Nares)

**Office Hymn: 367** Gracious spirit, Holy Ghost

**Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:** C. V. Stanford in B flat

**Anthem:** Litany to the Holy Spirit (Peter Hurford)

**Closing Hymn: 471** We love the place, O God

*Our next Evensong is on 28<sup>th</sup> June and will be starting at 3pm*

### The Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### A Reading from the Gospel of John

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.'

### Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith. Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and singing: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

### Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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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](http://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](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.

### **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.