Services, Events, News, Information

Monday 11th May
7.30 pm - Monday Club in the Church Hall
At this meeting we will be holding a Beetle Drive

Wednesday 13th May
7 pm – PCC Meeting

Sunday 17th May (Easter 7, Sunday after Ascencion Day)
8 am - Holy Communion – *Book of Common Prayer, led by Revd. Roman Kukiewicz*
9.30 am – Sung Communion *led Revd. Rob Cadman*

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
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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.

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

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Parish News

Sunday 10th May 2026

6th 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: 137 Come down, O love divine
The Collect: *See below*
First Bible Reading: Genesis 8.20-9.17 *See overleaf*
Second Bible Reading: Acts 17.22-31 *See overleaf*
Hymn before the Gospel: 408 Love divine, all loves excelling
Gospel Reading: John 14.15-21 *See overleaf*
Offertory Hymn: 342 Breathe on me, breath of God
Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for Easter: *See overleaf*
Choir Anthem: O God of mercy (Simon Lole)
Post Communion Prayer: *See overleaf*
Closing Hymn: 439 Praise to the holiest in the height

The Collect
God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Genesis

Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.” God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you, and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person’s blood be shed, for in his own image God made humankind. “And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and have dominion over it.” Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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Our Parish Reference is 080608422.
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