

Services, Events, News, Information

Saturday 13th June

6.30 pm - Three Choirs Festival at St. Mary's, High Easter, CM1 4QW (*see below*)
With St. Peter's Choir

Sunday 14th June (The Second Sunday after Trinity)

9.30 am – Sung Communion led by Revd. Rob Cadman

Sunday 21st June (The Third Sunday after Trinity)

9.30 am – Morning Worship

Monday 22nd June

1.30 pm – 3.30 pm – Braintree Singing Club *in the Church Hall*

The Beach Boys vs. The Beatles. Songs from these two iconic sixties bands, led by David Wood. £5, including refreshments. All welcome. No need to book, just turn up!
Proceeds for church funds.

Three Choirs Festival at High Easter

Featuring the choirs of St. Mary's, High Easter; St. Peter's, Bocking and The Dunmow Community Singers. Tickets: £10 (under 18's free), including light refreshments. Also Prosecco, £5 a glass. Concert at St. Mary's, High Easter, starts at 6.30pm, with interval refreshments in the church grounds (weather permitting).

If you would like to go to this concert, see David Wood for tickets.

Evensong & Strawberry Tea

The Events Committee will be holding their Congregational Evensong and Annual Strawberry Tea on Sunday 28th June 2026.

The service will be at 3.30 pm and the Strawberry Tea will be held afterwards at 4.30 pm. Tickets will be £10.00 payable on booking to help with numbers. A signup list will be at the back of the Church this Sunday.

Look forward to you all coming to support this lovely afternoon.

Concert

The concert held in the church last Saturday raised a total of £270, which has been equally divided between the Dunmow Community Singers and St. Peter's Church.

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

St. Peter's Parish Church Bocking

www.stpeters-bocking.net

Parish News

Sunday 7th June 2026

The First Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Morning Worship led by St. Peter's Team Ministry

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.

9.30am Morning Worship

Please follow the service in the blue Morning Worship leaflet. The hymns are in the blue hymn book. LARGE PRINT copies of both are available.

We observe a few moments' silence at the beginning of our service today, as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Opening Hymn: 59 At the name of Jesus (omit vs. 3-5)

First Reading: - Psalm 50.7-15 - *with refrain said by all. See overleaf*

Hymn: 812 Will you come and follow me

Second Reading: - Romans 4.13-25 *See overleaf*

Gospel Reading: - Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26 *See overleaf*

Benedictus: sung by all, words in Morning Worship leaflet, p.2

The Collect: - *See overleaf*

Closing Hymn: 241 Hail to the Lord's anointed

A Reading from Psalm 50

Reader: The Lord will show his salvation to the upright

All: [R] The Lord will show his salvation to the upright

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

‘I will testify against you, O Israel;

for I am God, your God.

‘I will not reprove you for your sacrifices,

for your burnt offerings are always before me. **[R]**

‘I will take no bull out of your house,

nor he-goat out of your folds,

‘For all the beasts of the forest are mine,

the cattle upon a thousand hills.

‘I know every bird of the mountains

and the insect of the field is mine. **[R]**

‘If I were hungry, I would not tell you,

for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.

‘Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,

or drink the blood of goats?

‘Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving

and fulfil your vows to God Most High.

‘Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you and you shall honour me.’ **[R]**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace, and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), Abraham believed in the presence of the God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**



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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