

Services, Events, News, Information

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.

Sunday 28th June: St. Peter (The Fourth Sunday after Trinity)

8.00 am – Said Communion *led by Revd. Roman Kukiewicz*

9.30 am – Morning Worship

Readings: Psalm 125; Acts 12.1-11; Matthew 16.13-19

led by St. Peter's Team Ministry with a Talk by Graham from Braintree Youth Project

3.30pm – Sung Evensong (*Congregational*)

Followed by Strawberry Tea in the Church Hall, *see notice below*

Sunday 5th July (The Fifth Sunday after Trinity)

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

Readings: Psalm 145.8-15; Romans 7.15-25; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

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 is at the back of the Church. Look forward to you all coming to support this lovely afternoon.

Christian Aid Week - May 2026

Our Christian Aid church envelope collection raised £130, plus £21.25 in gift aid, totalling **£151.25**. Thanks to all of you who contributed. *Claire*

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 21st June 2026

The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Sung Communion *led by Archdeacon Kate Peacock*

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: 22 All people that on earth do dwell

The Collect: *See below*

First Bible Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-13 *See overleaf*

Second Bible Reading: Romans 6.1-11 *See overleaf*

Hymn before the Gospel: 147 Do not be afraid

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.24-39 *See overleaf*

Offertory Hymn: 801 When I survey the wondrous cross

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer: *See page 10 of the yellow booklet*

Choir Anthem: Lead me, Lord (S. Wesley)

Post Communion Prayer: *See overleaf*

Closing Hymn: 386 Lord of all hopefulness

The Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah cried out: O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many

sparrows. 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesu Christ our Saviour. **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.

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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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