

Services, Events, News, Information

Thursday 2nd July

7.30 pm – Bible Study at John's house, 1, Leywood Close, CM7 3NP

Saturday 4th July

10 am – noon – Church Cleaning, all extra hands welcome, *Judith Leach*

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

12.30 pm – Wedding in the church

Wednesday 8th July

7 pm – PCC Meeting, in the church

Sunday 12th July (The Sixth Sunday after Trinity)

9.30 am – Sung Communion *led by Revd. Roman Kukiewicz*

Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Thursday 16th July

7.00 pm – Bible Study at Amanda's house, 377 Cressing Road

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*

Thanks

We would like to thank the staff at the Dulux Decorator Centre on the corner of Wheatley Avenue and Coggeshall Road for donating a 5 litre tin of paint to help with redecorating part of the church hall at St. Peter's.

As the editor is taking a break, items for next week's **Parish News** should be sent to

Paula Stone, by 9.00 pm on Wednesday please.

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Parish News

Sunday 28th June 2026

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity: St. Peter

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

9.30 am - Morning Worship *led by St. Peter's Team Ministry*
with a Talk by Graham from Braintree Youth Project

3.30pm – Sung Evensong *followed by Strawberry Tea in the Church Hall*

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 green 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: 417 O God, our help in ages past

First Reading: - Psalm 125 - *with refrain said by all. See overleaf*

Hymn: 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Second Reading: - Acts 12.1-11 *See overleaf*

Gospel Reading: - Matthew 16.13-19 *See overleaf*

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

The Collect for St. Peter: - *See overleaf*

Closing Hymn: 197 For all the saints (*omit vs. 4-6*)

6 pm Sung Evensong

Introit: Lead me. Lord (S. Wesley)

Responses: Ferial

Readings: 1 Samuel 28.3-19; Luke 17.20-37

Psalm: 50 1-15 (Chant: P. Henley)

Office Hymn: 499 Thy kingdom come, O God

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: Chants: J. Turle and H. Baker

Anthem: O praise God in his holiness (C.V. Stanford)

Closing Hymn: 478 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Psalm 125

Reader: Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good.

All (R): Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

As the hills stand about Jerusalem,
so the Lord stands round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway
over the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.
Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are true of heart.

Those who turn aside to crooked ways
the Lord shall take away with the evildoers;
but let there be peace upon Israel. **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 Acts of the Apostles

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

The Collect for St. Peter

God, who inspired your apostle Saint Peter to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God: build up your Church upon this rock, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ, 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

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