

## Services, Events, News, Information

### Wednesday 8th July

7pm – PCC Meeting in the church

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July (The Seventh Sunday after Trinity)

9.30 am – Sung Communion *led by Father Rob Cadman*

Readings: Isaiah 44.6-8, Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

7.00 pm – Bible Study at Amanda's house, 377 Cressing Road, Braintree, CM7 3PE

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### Monday Club

Our meeting this month is Monday 6th July at 12.30pm at The Mosaic Restaurant.

This is for **members only** and instead of our usual outing.

Any alteration to your booking, please contact Margaret 01376 322656

### Cleaning

Thank you to Judith Leach, and her team, for coming in to clean yesterday, and always making sure our church and hall facilities look their best.

Please note, there will be **no church cleaning** in August

### 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.

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)

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## **Parish News**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

#### **The Fifth 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:** 383 Living Lord

**First Reading:** - Psalm 145.8-15 - *with refrain said by all. See overleaf*

**Hymn:** 209 Freely, freely

**Second Reading:** - Romans 7.15-25a *See overleaf*

**Gospel Reading:** - Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30 *See overleaf*

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

**The Collect:** - *See overleaf*

**Closing Hymn:** 275 Lord of the dance

### **A Reading from Psalm 145**

**Reader:** I will exalt you, O God my king, and bless your name for ever.

**All: [R] I will exalt you, O God my king, and bless your name for ever.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
long-suffering and of great goodness  
The Lord is loving to everyone  
and his mercy is over all his creatures  
All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you [R]  
They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your mighty power,  
To make known to all peoples your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom  
your dominion endures throughout all ages [R]  
The Lord is sure in all his words  
and faithful in all his deeds  
The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down. [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**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. So, I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

At that time Jesus said “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son

of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

### **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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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. 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.