

Services, Events, News, Information

Thursday 16th July

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

Sunday 19th July (The Seventh Sunday after Trinity)

9.30 am – Sung Communion led by Revd. Rob Cadman

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

Sunday 26th July (The Eighth Sunday after Trinity)

9.30 am – Sung Communion led by Revd. Roman Kukiewicz

Readings: 1 Kings 3.5-12; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 27th July

1.30-3.30 pm – Braintree Singing Club, in the Church Hall

At this session we will be singing songs by Bob Dylan, Simon and Garfunkel, and other folk hits. All welcome. £5, including refreshments.

No need to book – further details from David Wood. Profits for church funds.

Sale

There are a number of items in the Vicarage either for sale or free to good homes. You are welcome to call in at any time but the main day will be 21st July. Rebecca Chand

Age Well Fair

The annual 'Age Well Fair' will take place on **Thursday 16th July between 10.00 and 13.00** at Braintree Institute near the White Hart. This event will be attended by more than 35 organisations offering free advice, services and support that people might need as they become older. Many people are caring for loved ones, friends and family, so there will be plenty of support for people caring for others along with support around physical and mental health and well-being. Admission is free, and booking is not required, but if you do book with Braintree District Council in advance, you will be entitled to a free gift pack. You can book over the phone, please call 01376 552525. You can also reserve your space by emailing communityservices@braintree.gov.uk

Thanks

Many thanks to Paula for producing last week's Parish News. She did such a good job – I may be tempted to take a break more often! David Wood

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 12th July 2026

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Sung Communion led by Revd. Roman Kukiewicz

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: Isaiah 55.10-13 See overleaf

Second Bible Reading: Romans 8.1-11 See overleaf

Hymn before the Gospel: 407 Lord, thy word abideth

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 See overleaf

Offertory Hymn: 285 For the beauty of the earth

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

Choir Anthem: Thou visitest the earth (Maurice Greene)

Post Communion Prayer: See overleaf

Closing Hymn: 495 God is working his purpose out

The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on

the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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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