
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

9:00am BCP Communion (church)
9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)
10:15am SPK Registration (hall)
10:30am Morning Service (church)

Monday 30th March

12 noon Church Prayer Meeting (vicarage)
8:00pm Church Prayer Meeting (online)

Wednesday 1st April

11:00am Freda Gunton Lodge Service

Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday)

2:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion (church)
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion (church)

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday)

10:30am Messy Church (hall)
2:00pm Songs of Calvary (church)

Sunday 5th April (Easter Day)

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)
10:30am Family Communion Service (church)

The full church calendar, with further details of locations etc, may be viewed online [via the website](#) or via ChurchSuite.



St Peter's

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St Peter's Update

Sunday 29th March 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

As Holy Week begins, I would like to encourage us all, if possible, to set aside a little more time for prayer, reflection, and to "be still" in the days ahead.

This is the week in which we walk with Christ through his passion and death, and so prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter. In the midst of the busyness of life, Holy Week gives us a precious opportunity to slow down and attend afresh to the heart of our faith.

If you are able, do come to the services during the week. They can be a gift to us personally, helping us to reflect more deeply and prepare well for Easter; but they are also an opportunity for us to encourage others, simply by being present, as we gather together as the church in worship and prayer.

I hope that many will be able to share in this journey through Holy Week – and join us for the celebration of Easter Sunday next weekend.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST PETER'S

We would love you to join us for our Holy Week and Easter services as we walk together through the events at the heart of the Christian faith. These services give us opportunity to pause, reflect, and rejoice together.

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

- **2.00pm – Communion & Celebration of Ministry**

We remember Jesus' last words to his disciples, and celebrate the opportunities he gives us to serve one another. (Others from across the deanery and diocese may join us for this service of remembrance and celebration.)

- **7.00pm – Reflective Communion Service**

A quieter said service for Maundy Thursday, giving space to reflect on Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

Good Friday, 3rd April

- **10.30am – Messy Church** (in the Hall)

This will be a fun and engaging morning with plenty for families and younger children to enjoy, as we think about why Jesus died for us – and why that is such good news today!

- **2.00pm – Songs of Calvary**

A still and reflective service of readings and hymns, helping us to focus on the cross and all that Good Friday means.

Easter Sunday, 5th April

- **10.30am – Family Communion Service**

A joyful all-age celebration of Jesus' resurrection, as we gather together for worship. The service will last around an hour. Please note there will be no separate SPK provision this Sunday, as the children will be part of the service throughout.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Our Church Prayer Meetings continue this Monday (30th March). Join us "in-person" at noon, or [online via Zoom](#) at 8:00pm.
- Most of our Small Groups are taking a break this week (and next). Do join us for the Holy Week and Easter services instead.
- St Peter's is seeking a new Church Treasurer. You do not need to be a professional accountant, but some confidence with numbers is important, and there will be a full handover and support. Please prayerfully consider whether you (or someone you know) could help, and contact the Vicar or Churchwardens as soon as possible.
- We do not take up a collection during services, but a card reader is available at the back of church for Sunday donations. If you consider St Peter's your church family, we warmly encourage you to consider regular giving, which enables the church to plan wisely. Please also consider Gift Aid, which increases your gift at no extra cost to you.
- Thank you to all the *Tiny Tots* Team for another term of outreach, and especially for the wonderful Easter Egg hunt in church this last week. Photos are available now on Facebook! [If anyone is interested in serving at the Toddler Group on Thursday mornings, Lizzie would love to hear from you.]

WHAT MIGHT YOUR NEXT STEP BE, NEXT TERM?

Looking ahead, we would love to encourage everyone to think about taking a next step in church life. That next step will look different for each of us, because we are all at different stages. Whether you are exploring the Christian faith, wanting to feel more connected in church life, or hoping to grow in confidence as you follow Jesus, we hope there is something here for you.

- **Exploring?** If you are asking questions about the Christian faith, or would simply value a relaxed space to think and talk, why not try *Life Explored*? Starting on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm, this course offers an opportunity to explore life's big questions in a warm and welcoming setting. Through video and discussion, it helps us reflect on what we are really living for and how our deepest longings are ultimately met in Jesus Christ.
- **Engaging?** If you are looking to feel more at home in church life and grow alongside others, one of our Bible Study Groups would be a wonderful next step. These groups are a great way to build friendships, encourage one another, and deepen our understanding of God's word together. For some, *Life Explored* may also be a helpful place to begin, especially if you are still thinking through some of the foundations of the Christian faith.
- **Equipping?** If you are hoping to be better equipped for living for Jesus and serving his people, we are offering modules from the Crosslands Training Course: *Reading & Understanding the Bible* and *Bible Overview*, both of which are designed to help us grow in confidence in reading Scripture and to see more clearly how the whole Bible fits together. The course is based around Thursday evenings, but is very flexible, so we would not necessarily meet every week. There is a financial cost, but the church would be very glad to cover this for church members who would like to study in this way.

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the Church Office or speak to the Vicar.