

Welcome to the Parish of Rochester (St Peter with St Margaret)

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Services for Sunday 4 October

HARVEST

AND CELEBRATING ST FRANCIS

9.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
 at St Margaret's
 President: Rev'd Mark

Readings as 10.30 am

10.30 am **Parish Eucharist at St Peter's**
 President: Rev'd Mike

Readings: Deuteronomy 8: 7 – 18
 Luke 12: 16 - 30

Services for Sunday 11 October

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
 at St Margaret's
 President: Rev'd Mark

Readings as 10.30 am

10.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
 at St Margaret's
 President: Rev'd Mark

Readings: Isaiah 25: 1 – 9
 Matthew 22: 1 - 14

If you would like a lift to any of our services or events, please ask Rev'd Mark and we will do our best to help.

Our services are livestreamed, with cameras focused on the lectern and altar. The back half of the church is not in shot. Please do not take photographs or videos during the service - they may be taken at the end.

***The 10.30 am Service normally takes place at St Peter's on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month, and at St Margaret's on the second and fourth Sundays.**

You can join with us at the 10.30 am Sunday Service on YouTube. The link is:
<https://www.youtube.com/@theparishofrochester9116/streams>

8:30 am **Morning Prayer** is broadcast via Zoom each weekday, as follows:
(Meeting ID: 844 6005 7253 and Passcode: 298915).

Anyone who is unable to attend church regularly and would like to receive the weekly pew sheet, intercessions and readings by e-mail, should please contact Alan Moss at alan.moss1@btinternet.com

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ride & Stride – Saturday 12 September.

A big 'thank you' is due to Georgina Kosanovic who cycled around the Dartford area visiting twenty churches. Thank you also to all those who sponsored her. It's not too late if you missed out. Sponsorship money is still being collected by Georgina and Pam. The money raised will be shared equally between our Parish and the Friends of Kent Churches charity.

Harvest collection 2026

For our Harvest collection this year, we will be supporting The Hygiene Bank Medway. We're collecting new and unopened essential hygiene and household cleaning products to help local people experiencing hygiene poverty. Donations can be brought to the service at St Peter's on 4 October and at St Margaret's on 11 October, or they can be dropped into the parish office on Tuesday 6 October. Items needed include shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, laundry detergent, household cleaning products. More are all welcome. Can you help? Every donation makes a difference.

Rochester/Walsum Partnership : driving to Walsum

Rev'd Mark asks whether anyone would be open to exploring sharing the driving of a minibus when we go to Walsum, 27-30 August next year. If you are interested please contact Rev'd Mark.

The Big Knit – making miracles: Saturday 10 October

Would you like to support your local baby loss charity and meet new friends? If so then come to the Cathedral on Saturday 10 October 10.00 am – 1.00 pm for 'The Big Knit'. For more information contact Judy Deamer at judy@makingmiracles.org.uk or 07784 287 749.

Quiz Night – 17 October

The next Parish of Rochester Quiz Night will be at St Peter's on Saturday 17 October at 7.30 pm. Booking will open on **Monday 5 October**. Please telephone Pam on **01634 71886 or 07773 076 286**.

Pray for our parishes every Thursday

You are invited to a weekly prayer meeting on-line to talk with God about this period of opportunity and to ask God where He wants the church to go next and who should come to lead us in this vision. **7.30 pm for prayer and 8.00 pm for Compline (optional)**. Use this Zoom link every Thursday: **Meeting ID: 880 3344 5020**. **Passcode: 852552**

Tuesday Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop opens at the Parish Centre every Tuesday **from 10.00 am – 11.30 am**, Everyone is welcome. On the first Tuesday of each month a **councillor** representing the Rochester East and Warren Wood Ward on Medway Council is in attendance to hear your concerns. On the second Tuesday we welcome the **carers of those living with Dementia**. **Citizens' Advice Bureau** aim to send a representative on alternate weeks (there is no need to make an appointment). **Community bereavement accompaniment** is at the Coffee Shop with Rev'd Mark on the second Tuesday of each month. Please encourage anyone who might value some quiet, understanding company to come along.

Dementia Groups.

Rochester Carers Group	10.00 – 11.30 am	Second Tuesday of each month at St Peter's
Dementia-friendly Worship	2.30 pm	Second Tuesday of each month at St Justus'
Singing for the Memory	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Second Friday of each month at St Peter's
Dementia Memory Café	1.30 – 3.30pm	Fourth Friday of each month at St Peter's

Anyone planning to attend any of these sessions is advised first to contact Monica Aldridge at:
monica_aldridge@hotmail.com

PRAYER DIARY FOR THE DAYS AHEAD

(RACHEL PEARCE)

Pray for current world events and...

Sunday 4 October	Come ye thankful people come. Give thanks to God for Harvest. Give thanks to God for all his provision for us.
Monday 5 October	Give thanks to God for the food we have to eat. Give thanks to God for water we have to drink.
Tuesday 6 October	Those who attend Women in Fellowship Group. Those visiting Coffee Shop.
Wednesday 7 October	Those who work for the Medway Food Bank. Those who work for the Hygiene Bank.
Thursday 8 October	Those who work on farms. Those who work in our orchards.
Friday 9 October	Residents of St Bartholomew's Lane. Residents of St Bartholomew's Terrace.
Saturday 10 October	Those attending the Big Knit at the Cathedral. Those who volunteer at the Cathedral.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

We remember those who are sick or in distress, and those who care for them, especially:-

Rodney Allen, Rev'd Stephen Allsopp, Rosemary Clemence, Stuart Epherson, Miriam Evans, Tina Evans, Hugh Hawkins, Tonnie Keith, Geoffrey Norris, Delia O'Connor, Hugh O'Connor, Mary Pearce, Jacqui Ravenhill, Kevin Russell, Debbie Salter-Maclean, John Seacome, Karen Stott and Lesley Walton.

We also remember those who have died recently, **especially John Edward Dudgeon and Margaret Dunningham ('Marigold')**, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, their families and friends.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Parish Prayer Chain If you have an urgent request for prayer, **please ring Pam Moss on 07773 076 286** and you, or the person about whom you are concerned, will be prayed for daily for three weeks by the people who constitute the Parish Prayer Chain.

Prayer Ministry If you would like a member of the prayer ministry to pray for you, or if you would like them to keep you in their prayers as a team, please contact Angie Cornell at **petenangie@hotmail.com**, or any member of the team: Martin Bament, Bonnie Chandler, Peter Cornell, Mary Pearce, Rachel Pearce and Christine Seth-Smith.