

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

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Services for Sunday 16 August

ST MARY

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

 Readings: Galatians 4: 4 – 7
 Luke 1: 46 – 55

10.30 am **Parish Eucharist at St Peter's**
 President: Rev'd Mark
 Preacher: Rev'd Christine Allen

 Readings: Psalm 133
 Luke 1: 46 – 55

Services for Sunday 23 August

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

 Readings as 10.30 am

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

 Readings: Romans 12: 1 – 8
 Matthew 16: 13 – 20

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.

Photography and filming

Our services are livestreamed, with cameras focused on the front of church - the back half of the church is not in shot. As part of our safeguarding policy and to respect each other's privacy, we ask that no other photography or filming takes place during the service. Those consenting to be photographed or filmed are invited to gather at the front of church after the service has finished.

***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

Parish Stewardship – *keeping you up to date*

Parish income in July from planned giving, collections, donations, and fund raising totalled **£2,125.64**.

In addition, a bequest of **£16,748.84** was received and funds from the, now closed, Friends of the Parish of Rochester account totalling **£23,301.88**. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Job Opportunity

During the week, St Peter's hall is hired by a variety of groups and then at weekends to occasional hirers, such as children's birthday parties, baby showers, yoga workshops etc. We are looking for someone to cover weekends. This would involve unlocking for the hirers, showing them where everything is, leaving and then returning to see the hirer out and to lock and alarm the building. **This is a paid position** and will be covered under a Casual Worker contract. Please note that hall hire does not take place every weekend (on average twice or three times a month). If you are interested, please speak to Jayne in the parish office or to Reverend Mark.

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

Heritage Open Days 2026

Once again St Margaret's Church and tower – in common with hundreds of other sites across the country – will be welcoming visitors on Saturday 12 September, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm and on Sunday 13 September, 12.00 – 4.00 pm. If you can spare some time to welcome our visitors and – if you are able – to escort them to the top of the tower, please let Pam know on **07773 076 286**.

Ride & Stride - Saturday 12 September.

All monies raised are divided equally between the parish and the Friends of Kent Churches. Those wishing to take part should contact Jayne in the Parish Office for details and a sponsor form.

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.

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 16 August	Those leading our Services today. Those on Welcomers duty.
Monday 17 August	Residents of Nag s Head Lane. Residents of New Road. Residents of New Covenant Place.
Tuesday 18 August	Those who work in the gardens of Restoration House. Those who work in the gardens at Bishopscourt and Deanery gardens.
Wednesday 19 August	Those who look out for vulnerable children and adults. Those who need help with caring for someone.
Thursday 20 August	Students getting their GCSE results today. Those who are disappointed with their results.
Friday 21 August	Those who offer a listening and support service. Those who do counselling.
Saturday 22 August	Those who work in catering. Those who work in food production.

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:-

Rev'd Stephen Allsopp, Rosemary Clemence, 'Marigold' Dunningham, Stuart Epherson, Miriam Evans, Tina Evans, Hugh Hawkins, Tonnie Keith, Delia O'Connor, Hugh O'Connor, Mary Pearce, Jacqui Ravenhill, Kevin Russell, Debbie Salter-Maclean, John Seacome, Jane Staff, Karen Stott, Lesley Walton and Rev'd Pat Westbrook.

We also remember those who have died recently, **especially Ian Collins and Richard Walton**, 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.