

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

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Services for Sunday 26 July

CELEBRATING ST MARGARET

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

Readings as 10.30 am

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

 Readings: Psalm 119: 129 - 136
 Matthew 13: 31 - 33
 and 44 - 52

Services for Sunday 2 August

NINTH 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 Peter's**
 President: Rev'd Mark

 Readings: Psalm 145: 8 - 9
 and 15 - 22
 Matthew 14: 13 - 21

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

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**

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.

Knit, Stitch and Natter

Thank you to everyone who supported Knit, Stitch and Natter at the Coffee Shop on 21 July. Together we raised £168.00 for the Wisdom Hospice.

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 26 July	Those celebrating St Margaret's Patronal Festival. All churches dedicated to St Margaret.
Monday 27 July	Residents of King Edward Road. Residents of King Street. Residents of Kings Avenue.
Tuesday 28 July	Residents of La Providence. Residents of Langdon Road.
Wednesday 29 July	Pray for our Parish as we wait for someone to apply for the position of Vicar. Pray for St Matthew's, also waiting.
Thursday 30 July	Those who work in leisure centres. Those who work in gyms.
Friday 31 July	Those who encourage us on our journey of faith. Spiritual directors and advisors.
Saturday 1 August	Residents of Lockington Grove. Residents of Longley Road. Residents of Love Lane.

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, Ian Collins, 'Marigold' Dunningham, David Porter, 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, Lesley Walton and Rev'd Pat Westbrook.

We also remember those who have died recently 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 01634 721886 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.