

Sunday 28th June and Thursday 2nd July 2026

St Peter's Day (transferred from 29th June)

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

*Rupert, our inspiring and much-loved Director of Music
for over 30 years, retires today.*

*We convey to him our most grateful thanks for all he has contributed during
this wonderful ministry, and wish him a very long and happy retirement.*

Introit Tu Es Petrus Duruflé
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church.

Opening Hymn NEH 484 The Church's one foundation

Collect for St Peter's Day

Almighty God, who inspired your apostle Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord,
your Son our Saviour Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Lesson **1 Peter 2: 19-25**

A reading from the First Letter of Peter, chapter 2, verses 19 to 25.

¹⁹For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² 'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Sun 10.45 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 13-19

Sun 9am Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’

¹⁷And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

Sun 9am Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

Sun 10.45 Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

We offer particular prayers for

Pat W, Marian, Roddy, Bill, Scott, Sheila K, Ian and Jenny, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Alison B., Joseph, Johnny, Alice; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers those in our Year’s Mind this week:

Chris Paxton, Charles Anderson, Irene Small, Edwin Field, Ronald Duncan, Audrey Miller, Mary Anderson

Sun 9am/Thur 11am; Proper Preface for the Apostle St Peter (*Prayer Book p. 345*)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who did vouchsafe to choose thy servant St Peter

to be of the company of the Apostles,

by whose ministry thine elect might be gathered in from every nation,

and thy Church instructed in the way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels, etc

Offertory Hymn NEH 279 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Anthem Tu Es Petrus Palestrina

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church,

And the gates of hell will not prevail against it:

And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth will be bound also in heaven;

And whatever you release on earth will be released also in heaven.

Post Communion Prayer for St Peter's Day

Almighty God,

who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit

to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,

filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:

by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth

and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn NEH 413 Now thank we all our God

Readings for the day

Ezekiel 3: 4-11; Psalm 125; *1 Peter 2: 19-25; *Matthew 16: 13-19

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