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Speak

St Peter's Church, Elworth
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Welcome

Welcome to the February/March 2026 edition of Speak magazine.

As we move into spring, there are many things happening for everyone to get involved with. On page 12 you can find information about our Easter Services. For young people, we have Lego Church dates on page 14 and a March Ladies event also on page 14.

Jenny Drain
Editor

Vision statement

We are committed in love to worshipping God:

- **By proclaiming the Gospel In word and action**
- **By encouraging growth**
- **By serving others**
- **By leading people into a personal relationship with Jesus.**

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Magazine deadline

Articles for the April/May edition need to be submitted no later than
Monday 9th March 2026 .

Submissions by this date are requested via email to
editor@stpeters-elworth.org.uk. Thank you.

Harry reflects....

At the beginning of a new year, I normally begin a Bible reading plan. I have tried quite a few now and I am a little more successful at finishing them than I once was, although there are always moments in the year when it is a struggle. My current one just involves starting at Genesis and reading 2 – 3 chapters a day, as such I am already in the middle of Exodus and recently came across one of my favourite passages, Exodus 4:10 – 12. It is part of Moses conversation with God at the burning bush and as God commissions Moses for his task to set God’s people free, Moses is reluctant. In verse 10 he reminds the Lord of his limited abilities in speech, making him unsuitable for the task. At this moment you might wonder what the Lord will say. I think I would expect the standard positive pep talk. “Don’t worry Moses, you are not that bad, give it a go, I am sure it will be okay. Just believe in yourself and you can do it.” Perhaps you can think of another suitable alternative. The response of the Lord is different as we read in v11 - 12. The Lord encourages no self-reflection, no three step plan to better speech, no false hope that it will all be okay in the end. Instead, the Lord reminds Moses who He is, the creator of speech and that He will help Moses. In the end Moses still protests and so the Lord uses Aaron as well but just for a moment I want to reflect on what the Lord does when speaking to Moses. I think it is really striking, particularly in our time and place that the Lord does not give the standard pep talk. Instead, the Lord tries to draw Moses out of looking at himself and to see more clearly who God is.

What do you think of the God you believe in? Maybe part of our struggle as Christians is that too often, we believe the messages around us. A message that tells us to look within for answers, to follow quick fixes or life hacks, to just believe in ourselves. I know that when we give those pep talks, I have given some too, we mean well but does it really help. Perhaps we need to hear the message that we cannot do it, life is hard and self-improvement will not fix everything, but we also need to hear that our God is bigger, more powerful, more compassionate, more gracious and ultimately faithful. It is a bit late for new year’s resolution, but may I suggest we join in making this year less about ourselves and more about contemplating the almighty God we follow.

Harry

Sycam

Why we support SYCAM

We know, through a member of our church who works in banking, that every penny we send to SYCAM is spent on the ministries that Pastors Emmanuel and Annie Milton lead. But let me not get ahead of myself!

First what is SYCAM? Siloam Youth and Children's based in the city of Chennai in South India, was founded and is led by the Miltons. St Peter's has partnered with SYCAM for nearly 20 years during which time we in Elworth have benefitted from the long association through mutual prayers, inspiring stories of children receiving an education and a loving home as well as missions to marginal groups: lepers, gypsies, the blind.

Pastors Emmanuel and Annie Milton are an incredible couple. They are both from India, Annie hailing from Chennai which is in the state of Tamil Nadu, and Emmanuel from the adjoining state of Kerala. They are second generation Christians meaning that their parents converted from the Hindu faith. They entered the ministry first by founding a Pentecostal Church which they still lead.

But their world changed very much in 2005 when a Tsunami in the Bay of Bengal created a humanitarian crisis and orphaned many children in Chennai. What do you do when there are orphans on your doorstep? If you are Annie and Emmanuel you sell your house to fund the building of an orphanage for 30 children and a primary school to serve not just the orphans but also hundreds of children in the neighbourhood. You pray day and night for God's miraculous provision to stretch the funds to afford the employment of a teaching staff and headmistress. And you give thanks and move on with even more ambition for Jesus.

Now that the orphans are fully grown and have jobs and other homes, the orphanage is no more. But that's not the whole story. The school, which had thrived, was smitten with petty regulations from the local council and forced to close a few years ago. These setbacks happened at a time when the political landscape in India changed at both national and local levels. Where previously there had been tolerance, today there is intolerance verging on persecution. Yet, with our support, SYCAM continues to shine a light for our Lord Jesus in a community that Jesus would have recognised 2,000 years ago. A world in desperate need of both physical and spiritual healing.

If anyone would like to give then the easiest way is through St Peter's as Andy our treasurer can bundle up all the gifts into a single gift and send it to India so that the bank charges are minimised.

God bless,

Paul.



Ladies Craft Event review

We had such a wonderful time at the Christmas ladies' craft brunch event. It felt warm, welcoming and full of joy. We made beautiful baubles, sweet little notebooks, festive stockings and the most adorable tiny woolly hats for chocolates.

The refreshments were such a thoughtful touch too, the ladies prepared fresh grapes, buttery croissants, oranges and plenty of tea and coffee. It made the whole morning feel cared for and special.

We left with handmade treasures, a happy heart and a real sense of connection. A truly lovely event that we are so glad we attended.

Jennie Coppenhall
and
Wendy Woods



Small Groups

Small Groups provide an opportunity for people to make friends, grow in their faith and discuss life together in a smaller setting than the Sunday Service.

They are informal, friendly and supportive, providing an ideal setting in which to meet new people. Groups run throughout the week.

For further details contact the
Church Office on 01270 766557



The Chosen - a review



The Chosen, is an American Christian historical drama television series, created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the first century. The series depicts Jesus' life through the eyes of the people who interacted with him, including the disciples of Jesus, Jewish religious leaders, Roman government, military officials, and ordinary people.

Available on Amazon Prime, the show, which was initially financed through crowd funding, has 5 series with series 6 and the final 7th series scheduled to be released in 2027 and 2028. Over each series we follow the story of Jesus from his calling of Simon and Andrew, through his ministry and gain an insight into what being a disciple of Jesus may have looked like. We see some of the “big moments” of his ministry, the feeding of the 5000, the Sermon on the Mount and the raising of Lazurus. Whilst closely following the gospels, Dallas Jenkins also allows us to imagine conversations and moments between Jesus and his disciples as he travels through the countryside preaching and healing.

The Chosen manages to achieve presenting a Biblical narrative whilst encapsulating the very human Jesus, who laughs and enjoys friendship and human celebrations. Jesus is played by the actor Jonathan Roumie, himself a Christian, who takes his portrayal of Jesus very seriously. Roumie was once asked in an interview, “If you could have a cup of coffee with Jesus, what would you ask?” He replied, “How did I do? Did I even get it close?” Well worth a watch.

Jenny Drain

Special Services



Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 18th February 2026

8.00pm
Holy Communion
St Peter's Church

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 2026
8:00pm Holy Communion

Good Friday
Friday 3rd April 2026

10.30am
All Age Service
St Peter's Church Hall

1.30 - 3.00pm
Meditation at the Cross
St Peter's Church

Easter Sunday
Sunday 5th April 2026

9.00am
Holy Communion
St Peter's Church

10.30am
All Age Holy Communion Service
St Peter's Church Hall

6.00pm
Holy Communion
St Peter's Church

Services for February and March

	9.00am St Peter's	10.30am St Peter's	6.00pm St Peter's
1st February	Prayer Room is open for Prayer	Christingle	Holy Communion
8th February	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Prayer
15th February	Prayer Room is open for Prayer	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
22nd February	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Prayer
1st March	Prayer Room is open for Prayer	All Age Service	Holy Communion
8th March	Holy Communion	Baptism Service	Evening Prayer
15th March	Prayer Room is open for Prayer	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
22nd March	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Prayer
29th March	Prayer Room is open for Prayer	Morning Worship	Evening Prayer

Future events

Ladies event

Saturday 21st March

7:00pm - 9:00pm

“Brushstrokes & Bites”

See more details in the weekly sheets.

To book a place, please contact the Church Office by 8th March.



Easter Holiday club

Calling all Primary aged children!

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

Booking essential:
events@stpeters-elworth.org.uk



Lego Church Dates for your diary

February 11th
3.30 - 4.30pm

March 11th
3.30 - 4.30pm

Primary aged Children.

All take place in the Church Hall

From the registers

We join in sadness with the family of the late:

Mrs Jacqueline Timmins

Ms Pauline Davies

Mr Joseph Bailey Wilson

We welcome in Baptism:

Christian David Carruthers

Daniel Stephen Carruthers

We celebrate the Confirmation of:

Katie Marie Frobisher

Laura Mellissa Diamond

Ruby Grace Diamond

Jett Blaise Diamond

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Jenny Drain, Editor

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Information

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