
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 20th November

- 9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (*church*)
10:30am Morning Service (*church*)
7:30pm 16-30s Group (*CO3 3RS*)

Wednesday 23rd November

- 7:30pm Bible Study Group (*Vicarage*)

Thursday 24th November

- 10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)
7:30pm Bible Study Group (*Vicarage*)

Friday 25th November

- 1:00pm Thanksgiving for Ursela (*church*)
7:30pm 421 (*Fordham*)

Sunday 27th November

- 9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (*church*)
10:30am Morning Service (*church*)
7:30pm 16-30s Group (*CO3 3RS*)

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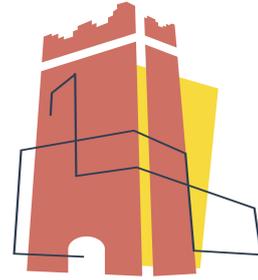
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St Peter's Update

19th-20th November 2022

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR...

Dear Friends,

We have lost two long-standing and much-loved members of St Peter's in the last couple of weeks: Ursela Maggie died last week, and we will be hosting a Thanksgiving Service for her life on Friday afternoon; and Heather Loyd died this Thursday, and arrangements for her funeral will be announced shortly.

We will pay tribute to Ursela on Friday, and everyone is welcome to join her family and friends in church at 1pm.

But let me here also pay tribute to Heather: for her passionate commitment to the truth of the gospel, for her kindness to many less fortunate than herself, and for her faithful service to St Peter's as Churchwarden (she was in fact one of those involved in my appointment here!) over many years.

Even though the last few years had been very hard indeed, in different ways, for both Ursela and Heather, both these ladies trusted in the Lord Jesus – and we can be confident that they are safe with him. The great comfort of the gospel is that we do not grieve as others do who have no hope (*cf 1 Thessalonians 4.13*).

With best wishes,

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JOBS CURRENTLY BEING ADVERTISED...

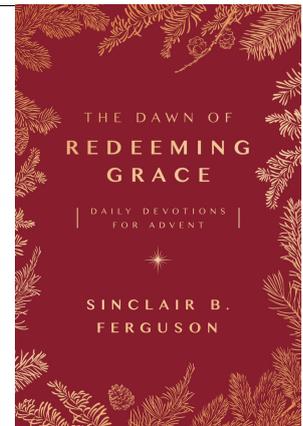
- **Rural Missioner and Area Dean for Harwich.** "This is an exciting and unique opportunity for a full-time, stipendiary, ordained minister to work in partnership with another colleague and the wider deanery team in shaping a new approach to rural ministry within the Harwich Deanery. We have appointed one Missioner already and we are looking for another pioneering leader to share with them in the normal duties of parish priest across nine distinctive rural parishes in north-east Essex (Dedham, Ardleigh, The Bromleys, Little Bentley, Great Oakley, Tendring, Wrabness, Wix and Beaumont-cum-Moze), and to serve as Area Dean." (*from the Diocesan website*). Further details are on the website, or from the Vicar on his return from Annual Leave. Closing date: 5th December.
- **Senior Instructor for Birch Hall Adventures.** Birch Hall Adventures is a Christian Outdoor Activity Centre. We are located between Thorpe-le-socken and Kirby-le-socken and offer all sorts of activities, away days and residentials to local schools, uniformed groups, churches and youth groups. We are currently seeking a Senior Instructor to join our team. This is a full-time position and salary is dependent on experience & qualifications. If you would like more information on this role, please email the centre at info@birchhall.com. Closing date: 23rd December.

CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S

Publicity will be available shortly, but do get these dates in your diary...

- **Carol Service** on Sunday 18th December, at 10:30am
- **Christingle Service** on Christmas Eve, at 3pm
- **Christmas Family Communion** on Christmas Day, at 10am

Meanwhile, our Advent Book for 2022 is *'The Dawn of Redeeming Grace'* – 24 readings, looking at the first 2 chapters of Matthew's Gospel, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas together. Paperback copies will be available in church next week, and the e-book can be downloaded from the Good Book Company website.



FROM THE RECENT PCC MEETING...

- The PCC are very grateful for financial support from two evangelical churches in the diocese, which will enable us to meet our significantly increased Parish Share for 2023 (up by 26% from this year).
- Feedback on the possibility of running a 'Warm Welcome' initiative at St Peter's this winter has been mixed. The PCC are grateful to those who have offered to help support such a project – but it seems that the likely take-up may be low, and the practical problems may make it non-viable this winter. We are therefore looking to explore other opportunities, including supporting initiatives being run by other churches. More to follow.
- The PCC are looking to get a small group of people together to oversee the hire of the Church Hall, and to maximise potential income. If anyone might be interested in serving in this way, please let Bernice know.
- The administration of Holy Communion at St Peter's was again discussed. A decision about any potential return to our pre-Covid form of administration has been postponed until the New Year.
- It was agreed to dispose of the majority of the pew-kneelers which are no longer in use, while still keeping a few (ie the ones in better condition) for those who might like to use them in the future.

OTHER NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

- Please note that Mark, our Vicar, is on Annual Leave until Tuesday morning. The service this Sunday (20th Nov) will be led by Trevor Froude, and Duncan Breckels (our Licensed Lay Minister) will be preaching from Psalm 46.
- Thank you to those who packed the Christmas shoe boxes for children in need around the world. A big thanks as well to Geraldine and Pete for taking the boxes to the drop-off point.
- CAP (Christians Against Poverty) is supporting three short and free money courses locally, with the aim to help with budgeting, saving and managing money. No one is required to disclose any financial information during the course. Leaflets are available on the tables in church, or you can contact Bernice in the office for more information.
- The most recent prayer- and news-letter from the McCanns is available on request from Bernice in the Church Office.