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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### 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*)

### Monday 28th November

- 1:00pm Christmas Prep Session (*Hall*)

### Tuesday 29th November

- 7:00pm Christmas Prep Session (*Vicarage*)

### Wednesday 30th November

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

### Thursday 1st December

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

### Friday 2nd December

- 7:30pm 421 (*Fordham*)

### Saturday 3rd December

- 9:30am Meeting for PCC (*Vicarage*)

### Sunday 4th December

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

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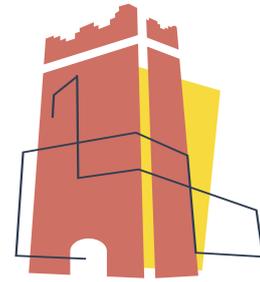
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## St Peter's Update

26th-27th November 2022

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### A NOTE FROM THE VICAR...

Dear Friends,

With Advent beginning this Sunday, we enter a season of both expectation and preparation as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ together.

There is much to be done, of course: at home, perhaps also at work, and even in church life too. But – as always – the danger is that the busyness of life will crowd out the wonder and the awe and the joy.

To avoid this, and to make the most of Advent this year, perhaps you might allow me to make three simple suggestions...

1. Advent is a perfect time to refresh our Bible reading habits. How are you getting on, reading God's Word every day? How might you refresh your Bible reading habits?
2. Are there three people you could pray for, this Advent, that they might personally experience afresh the wonder and the awe and the joy this year? Who might they be? And how could you pray for them?
3. And do join us in our Church Advent Book, *The Dawn of Redeeming Grace*. Details overleaf, and a great opportunity to marvel at God's salvation plan!

With best wishes for an Advent full of wonder and awe and joy!

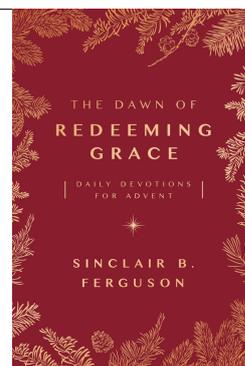
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## DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT

Our Advent Book for 2022 is 'The Dawn of Redeeming Grace' – 24 daily readings, looking at the opening chapters of Matthew's Gospel. The idea is to read a chapter on each day of December, in the run-up to Christmas. Perhaps you could also look to meet together with someone else from church to talk about what you've read...?!

Paperback copies will be available in church on Sunday, or from the Vicarage during the week. We are inviting a £5 donation towards costs, but this is entirely optional. Alternatively, the e-book can be downloaded from the Good Book Company website.



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## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S

As we look forward to Christmas, there are a couple of ways in which we would really appreciate some help...

**Practical Prep Sessions.** We are running three different opportunities to help out with various practical preparation tasks (preparing Christingle kits, writing Christmas cards, etc). Do join us for what is usually a really cheerful time, with Christmas refreshments and music (and, in the evenings, even the opportunity to watch the World Cup football!). The times are:

- Monday 28th November, at 1pm, in the Church Hall
- Tuesday 29th November, at 7pm, at the Vicarage
- Monday 5th December, at 7pm, at the Vicarage

**Distributing Christmas publicity.** Each year, we look to deliver Christmas publicity around the parish. If you might be able to help distribute and deliver the publicity (any time between 5th and 12th December), do please let Bernice know.

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## CONNECT – Wednesday 7th December

Do join us in the Church Hall on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm, ready for 'CONNECT' – food and fellowship, teaching and prayer, as we connect better with one another and the life of the church. You can sign up via ChurchSuite (<https://stpeterscolchester.churchsuite.com/events/vvwdwgce>) or by ringing the Church Office.

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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." (*from the Diocesan website*). 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](mailto:info@birchhall.com). Closing date: 23rd December.

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## OTHER NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

- Members of the PCC are invited to an informal Consultation Morning at the Vicarage on Saturday 3rd December, to discuss the likely potential implications of the 'post-LLF' settlement next year. If any members of St Peter's who are also members of CEEC would like to attend, please speak to Mark (07772 615378) for details.
- A Working Party will be clearing leaves from the churchyard on Saturday 10th December, from 10:00am. Wendy would be grateful for any assistance (NB no particular skill-set required!).
- The funeral for the late Heather Loyd is being planned for Tuesday 20th December, at 2pm in St Peter's Church.
- 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.
- 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.