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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### 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*)

### Wednesday 7th December

- 7:00pm Connect (*hall*)

### Thursday 8th December

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

### Friday 9th December

- 7:30pm 421 (*Fordham*)

### Saturday 10th December

- 10:00am Working Party (*churchyard*)

### Sunday 11th December

- 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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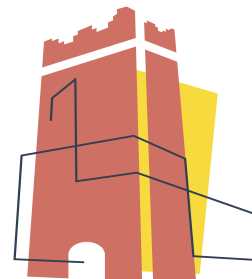
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## St Peter's Update

3rd-4th December 2022

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### A NOTE FROM THE VICAR...

Dear Friends,

Let me take this opportunity to update you on the Redevelopment Project...

We had been hoping the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) would approve our plans at their November meeting. Unfortunately, they asked for additional time to consider, so our plans will be on the agenda again for the DAC meeting next week. We fully expect they will make a decision this time around.

Meanwhile, we have begun to consider what arrangements should be made for the duration of the building works. We have been advised that it is likely to take 3-4 months, and the architects have recommended that we should consider 'moving out' of the church altogether during this time. There are a number of factors involved, and the PCC will be considering all this at their next meeting, on 16th January.

When we have more news, I look forward to being able to update you as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

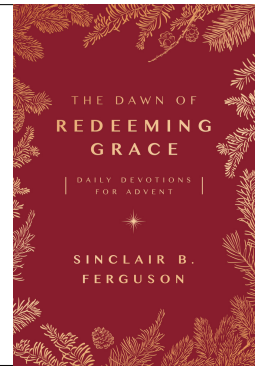
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## DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT

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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## 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/vvvdwgce>) or by ringing the Church Office.



### LETTER FROM OUR SPONSORED CHILD

This week, we received this letter from Mary, one of our sponsored children who lives in the Philippines:

*I want to say thank you for being loving, caring, and as my supportive sponsor to me and thank you because you didn't leave me, thank you for everything. I'm so happy because the face-to-face classes are back to normal in school and I can see all my classmates. And I pray that God gave me a way to my successful studies. I'll give you a memory verse: 2 Chronicles 7:14.*

*And I have a question for you: How are you? I pray that you and your family will have good health and safety always. Please pray for my family, for good health and safety always, and for my studying. God Bless you and Good Health.*

*Keep safe! Thank you! Love and care, Mary, your participant child.*

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## OTHER NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

- 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. Her family would like to have an idea of how many from the church congregation might attend the funeral reception in the hall after the service, for catering purposes. Please let Bernice know if you plan to come.
- 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.
- Please note that we do not take up a collection during the service. There is, however, a wooden collection box at the back of church for anyone who would like to give to support the work of the church in this way.
- A reminder that our Morning Services are recorded, and made available via YouTube, for those unable to be in church on a Sunday morning (the link is posted on WhatsApp on Sunday afternoon).
- As always, a massive thank you to all the teams helping this Sunday: the 'Get Ready' Team, the Refreshments Team, the Tech Team, the Musicians, and the 'Tidy Up' Team – as well as those involved in *St Peter's Kids* and in the service itself. If you are not involved in a Team, but might be able to offer to serve in this way, do please let Mark or Bernice know.
- Birch Hall Adventures (a local Christian outdoor centre) is running their 'Follow the Star' Christmas event again from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December. This is a family adventure in the outdoors – you will have a trail to follow, challenges to complete and a nativity story to relive. This is a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends or share our faith with our friends - so why not come along and bring another family with you. For more information, please see our website [www.birchhall.com](http://www.birchhall.com) or email the centre at [info@birchhall.com](mailto:info@birchhall.com).