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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (church)

10:30am Communion Service (church)

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

11:00am Communion (Freda Gunton Lodge)

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

5:30pm Ignite does Snacks & Games

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (church)

10:30am Morning Service (church)

3:30pm Lent Book Group (Vicarage)

coming up soon...

Tue 2 May PCC meeting

Sat 20 May Annual Church Meetings



## St Peter's Update

18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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## A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we will celebrate "Make a Mother's Day". For ten years now, since 2013, we have celebrated Mothering Sunday at St Peter's by raising money, as a church family, to continue our sponsorship of children overseas through Compassion.

It costs £28 per month to support Mary and Richard, so our aim is to raise £672 this Sunday to support them and their families for another year. If additional money is raised, it will be used to support the *Child Survival Programme*, which seeks to help some of the world's most vulnerable mothers and children.

You can find out more, including more about Mary and Richard and their families, from the leaflets in church. If you are able, please give generously (online, or on Sunday) - and let's make a mother's day!

Yours, because His,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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## A MILLION METRES FOR ST PETER'S...

With the Redevelopment Project due to begin very soon, the PCC is looking to raise the final £45,000 necessary to pay for the building works. Part of this remaining money will probably be raised by bridging loans, and we also have a couple more grant-making trusts to whom we intend to make applications in the coming days.

However, the Vicar is also now resuming his sponsored row. You may recall (a long, long time ago) that Mark set off on his trusty rowing machine to row "a million metres for St Peter's" to raise money for the church's Redevelopment Project. A million metres is the distance from the top of the Shetland Islands, down the North Sea, and up the River Colne to Colchester. As of the middle of this last week, the distance rowed was 715,263 metres - which puts him, metaphorically speaking, somewhere off Scarborough on the North Yorkshire coast.



### Would you consider sponsoring the Vicar as he continues to row a million metres for St Peter's?

The online sponsorship page is accessible via the QR code above ([or by clicking here](#)). Alternatively, you can give directly to the church's account through online banking ("St Peters PCC", sort code 09-01-54, account 36051087, Santander); please use the reference "millionmetres" so your sponsorship is directed appropriately.

*And if you have any additional ideas to help the PCC raise the remaining funds necessary, do please talk to the Vicar or the Churchwardens as soon as possible!*

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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

As we look towards Easter, you might like to be aware of the following plans:

Palm Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10:30am	Morning Service, with Communion & Palm crosses (in church)
Holy Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting (at the Vicarage)
Maundy Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm	Reflective Communion Service (in church)
Good Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30am	Messy Church for Good Friday (in the Hall)
		2:00pm	'Songs of Calvary' Reflective Service (in church)
Easter Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30am	Easter Day Family Communion Service (in church)

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## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The details of the Pastoral Scheme, by which the joint benefice of St Peter's and St Botolph's will be dissolved and a new benefice of St Peter's created, are available to be viewed in the porchway. The deadline for representation is 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- There is an online meeting for lay members of the Chelmsford Diocesan Evangelical Network on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 7pm for about an hour. CDEN members will already have been sent the link. If anyone at St Peter's who is not yet a member of CDEN would like to be involved, please speak to the Vicar as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to supply the log-in details.
- "From Camulodunum to Colchester". Stephen Lloyd is leading a guided walk around the main historical sites of Colchester on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Last year Stephen completed his training as a Yellow Badge Tour Guide for Colchester. The tour will raise money for the St Peter's Development Fund - the charges are £6 for adults, £3.50 for children (aged 5-15). The tour will begin at 2.30pm and last approximately 1¾ hours. If you would like to join him, please book in advance with Stephen in person, or by text to: 07586 316601. Numbers are limited to 20 people.
- All Ladies... Tickets are now available for the evangelistic "ChocFest" event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Do come along and bring a friend to hear about Jesus whilst having a lot of fun. Flyers with further details are available at the back of church. (Or speak to Lizzie Wallace) Tickets are limited so do book as soon as possible.