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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Palm Sunday)

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)  
10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (church)  
10:30am Morning Service (church)  
8:00pm Standing Committee (Vicarage)

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

10:15am Coffee & Chat (Mercury Theatre café)  
8:00pm Church Prayer Meeting (hall)

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April (Maundy Thursday)

7:00pm Communion Service (church)

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)

10:30am Messy Church (hall)  
2:00pm 'Songs of Calvary' Reflective Service (church)

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Day)

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)  
10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (church)  
10:30am Morning Service (church)  
8:00pm Standing Committee (Vicarage)

coming up soon...

Sun 16 Apr From Camulodunum to Colchester  
Sat 29 Apr ChocFest (for ladies)  
Tue 2 May PCC meeting  
Sat 20 May Annual Church Meetings

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## St Peter's Update

2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

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### A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Palm Sunday marks the start of the most special week of the Christian calendar. As we journey from the delight at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the deep emotion of Jesus' last meal with his friends on the night before he died, from the agony of Good Friday to the ecstasy of Easter Day, we are reminded of the core themes of the Christian gospel: Jesus, as Lord and King, as sacrificial substitute and victorious redeemer, as the One who brings hope and joy, and the One who dies that might live.

Whatever else you may have on this week, do join us (you will see the timings of the various services on the back page) as we journey together, that we might truly encourage one another and remind one another of the hope that is now ours this Easter, and for evermore.

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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## REDEVELOPMENT WORK - week 1

The first week has seen the pews lifted up, the floorboards raised, and the radiator disconnected. The pews are being stored in church prior to being sold - do get in touch if you would be interested in buying one! - and the intent is to reuse the floorboards, most of which are in reasonable condition. Meanwhile, plastic sheeting has been installed to prevent the spread of dust around the building. Please accept our apologies that the aesthetic of the building has taken a bit of a hit!

There have already been a couple of surprises: the excavations have uncovered the brick vault of what looks like a small crypt under the west end of the aisle, and a key area seems to have very little in the way of foundations. A structural engineer has been called in to advise on what sort of remedial works might be required.

For now, the intention is to remain 'in the church' for the next few Sundays. We will, however, keep this under review - and if the disruption becomes too much we will look to move out through the summer. If you have any questions or concerns about the redevelopment work, do please feel free to get in contact with the Vicar (Mark) or the Churchwardens (Matt and/or Trevor).

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## THANK YOU TO LIZZIE

As announced last Sunday, Lizzie Wallace will shortly be moving on from her role as "Children's and Youth Worker" at St Peter's. She has been offered a role with Korban, a Christian charity in Colchester working with disadvantaged 16-25 year olds, as their Supported Housing Manager - and she will be starting this new role at the beginning of May. We wish her all the very best!

We are very grateful to Lizzie for all her work over the last three years (both during Covid, and since) in helping our children's work and youth work to flourish: and especially for her role in getting Tiny Tots off the ground in the last year or so. She will be staying involved with Tiny Tots and with Bible Tots & Diggers as a volunteer, providing much-needed continuity for the younger children. Lizzie's final Sunday as an employee of the church will be Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

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## "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.

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## CHOCFEST

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, or via the QR code). Tickets are limited so do book as soon as possible.



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## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- *Lizzie Wallace writes:* I would love some help with cutting & sticking (and tea-drinking / biscuit munching!) in the Hall this Tuesday morning (4<sup>th</sup> April). Do come along at 10:30am if you are free and able to help her prepare craft materials for various upcoming children's events.
- Everyone is welcome to the next 'Coffee & Chat' at the Mercury Theatre Café at 10:15am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.
- The Pastoral Scheme by which the joint benefice of St Peter's and St Botolph's was to be dissolved has now been formally approved. With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, the parish of St Peter's is once again a benefice in its own right.
- 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.
- *ADVANCE NOTICE:* The Annual Church Meetings this year will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 10am.