
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 24th March (*Palm Sunday*)

- 9:00am BCP Communion Service (*church*)
- 9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
- 10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (*church*)
- 10:30am Morning Service (*church*)
- 7:00pm Ignite (*hall*)

*most mid-week meetings have now begun
a short break over the Easter holidays*

Thursday 28th March (*Maundy Thursday*)

- 7:00pm Reflective Communion Service (*church*)

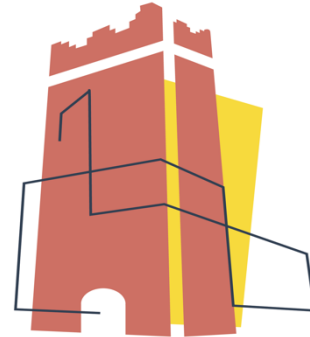
Friday 29th March (*Good Friday*)

- 10:30am Messy Church (*hall*)
- 2:00pm Songs of Calvary (*church*)

Sunday 31st March (*Easter Day*)

- * 9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
- * 10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (*church*)
- * 10:30am Easter Communion Service (*church*)

* NB. The clocks go forward one hour on Easter morning!



St Peter's Update

23rd - 24th March 2024

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

As I hope you are aware, we take all our safeguarding responsibilities at St Peter's very seriously indeed. We are therefore extremely grateful to all the members of our Safeguarding Team for all the work they do.

Sadly, Sue Almond has had to step down from her role as Parish Safeguarding Officer in the last few days, due to personal and work pressures. We will find a way to express our appreciation to Sue at some point very soon, but I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know of the arrangements that are being made.

The PCC has acted quickly to appoint Anne Kavanagh (who previously served as our PSO some years ago) as Interim PSO for St Peter's. Any concerns can therefore be raised with Anne directly, with immediate effect, and her contact details are on the back of this sheet.

Meanwhile, the PCC has also begun the process of recruiting a permanent PSO to replace Sue, and we hope to make such an appointment in the next 6-8 weeks. Details will be available in church this weekend.

As such, I would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be in a position to help, and I would like to commend this crucial appointment to your prayers.

With best wishes,

Mark

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THREE PIECES OF GOOD FINANCIAL NEWS TO SHARE - AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE...

We are delighted to be able to share with you three pieces of wonderful financial news from the last few weeks:

1. The recent 'Make a Mother's Day' Gift Day raised £1,060 - which will enable us not only to continue our sponsorship of Richard in Brazil and Mary in the Philippines for another year, but also to make a donation of £290 to Compassion's *Child Survival Programme*. Thank you to all who gave so generously!
2. The PCC has recently received a contribution of £5,000 from the Beatrice Laing Trust, towards the recent redevelopment work. The Laing Family Trusts owe their origin to Sir John Laing, a devout Christian and founder of the international construction company.
3. St Peter's has been the beneficiary of a substantial legacy of £19,979 from the late Heather Loyd, who was a member of our church for almost all of her life before her death in 2022. The intention is to use some of the money to initiate the repairs to the church clock.

Meanwhile, John Hartwell (one of our Churchwardens) writes: "Some of our young people will again be attending the Contagious conference in August. These are Bible-saturated, Jesus-centred, and increasingly popular! As we have done in previous years, we are inviting contributions to support those attending Contagious this year; if you would like to give, please contact Richard Lawn (details overleaf). Any little will help, and any surplus will go towards supporting Contagious in future years."

EASTER CARDS FOR SALE

If you will be sending Easter cards this year, or need some other Christian greetings cards, then Andy Lawn has some of his own designs for sale at the back of the church. They are £1 each, or 3 for £2. Alternatively, you can shop online via ajlcreativedesigns.etsy.com



DETAILS OF EASTER SERVICES...

Do join us for these services in Holy Week:

- **Maundy Thursday** (28th March) at 7:00pm: **Reflective Communion Service** in church
- **Good Friday** (29th March) at 10:30am: **Messy Church**, in the hall
- **Good Friday** (29th March) at 2:00pm: **Songs of Calvary**, in church
- **Easter Day** (31st March) at 10:30am: **Easter Communion**, with SPK Holiday Club

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- At our recent Annual Church Meetings, Trevor Froude and John Hartwell were re-elected as Churchwardens for the year ahead. In addition, Chris Gray and Ann Larkin were both elected onto the PCC (with one casual vacancy remaining). The first meeting of the new PCC will be on Monday 13th May at 7pm.
- Ignite, our youth group, for school years 9-13, continues this Sunday evening (24th Mar) at 7pm in the Church Hall, with more 'Questions, Puddings & Games'. The Question Box is at the back of church if you want to submit a question...
- The next 'Coffee & Chat' will be on Wednesday 24th April, at the Mercury Theatre Cafe from 10:15am; all are welcome.
- Mark, our Vicar, will be on sabbatical from 27th April until 27th July. During this time, enquiries or concerns should be raised either with Bernice Watts (as Church Manager) or with Trevor Froude or John Hartwell (as Churchwardens). Please note that all the relevant contact details are on the back of this Update.
- The Diocese have announced that the next Vicar of St John's Church in Colchester will be Revd Paul Dever, who is currently a Senior Associate Vicar in Guildford Diocese. Please pray for Paul and his family with this move ahead...
- 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 livestreamed 'privately' into the Family Room in the Church Hall, for the benefit of parents with very young children. The Facebook livestream is also available to all at St Peter's, subject to application via Facebook to 'The Family Room', and can be watched up to 30 days after the livestreaming.