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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

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

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

7:45pm Bible Study Group (*vicarage*)

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

10:15am Coffee & Chat (*mercury theatre café*)  
2:00pm Bible Study Group (*vicarage*)

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

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

coming up soon...

Mon 13 May PCC meeting



## St Peter's Update

20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

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## A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

I am grateful to all those who have kindly wished me well for my sabbatical, which begins next weekend. However, some have expressed concern about what this will mean for our church life while I am away.

Please be reassured that plans are in place to keep life at St Peter's running smoothly! Our Churchwardens, Trevor and John, will be assuming much of the responsibility for leading the church over the coming months; and our Church Manager, Bernice, will be doing her usual job of keeping everything organised.

If you have any questions or concerns, do please contact one of Trevor, John or Bernice (earlier rather than later!) - otherwise, please remember them in your prayers, and do everything you can to support and help them over the coming months.

With best wishes,



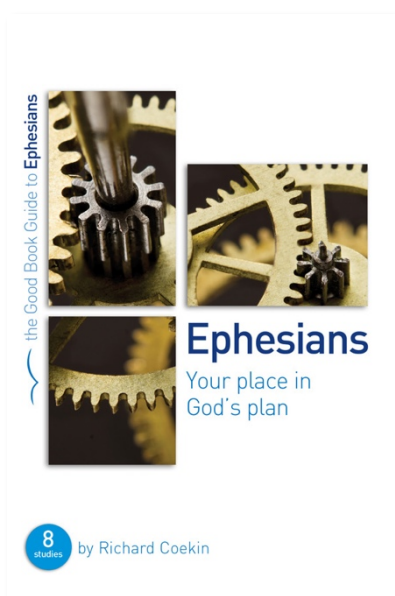
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## CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT

The Vicar and Churchwardens are delighted to announce on behalf of the PCC that Sally MacArthur has been appointed as our new Church Administrator, subject to the usual pre-employment checks. Sally will start work in the Church Office at the beginning of September, allowing some overlap time before Bernice Watts steps down from her role.

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## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: "YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN..."



Our church Bible Study Groups start up again soon. Anyone is welcome to join, even if you haven't been part of a BSG before, although we ask people to sign up via ChurchSuite so we can keep everyone updated with any last-minute changes of plan.

This term, we be studying the letter to the Ephesians; a book that excites us about all we have in Christ, transforms our view of our church, thrills us as we see our part in God's amazing plan, and challenges us about our day-to-day lives. The booklets will be available in church next Sunday; alternatively, e-books can be purchased online.

The Bible Study Groups begin on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and/or Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, and will continue meeting weekly (with an occasional break) through most of the summer term. During the Vicar's sabbatical, the BSGs will meet in various venues; we will keep group members informed in good time. Please choose whichever time/day is more convenient for you...

- **Tuesday evenings**, at 7:45pm (initially at the Vicarage, various venues thereafter)  
sign up for Tuesdays via <https://stpeterscolchester.churchsuite.com/events/8knjpjru>
  - **Wednesday afternoons**, at 2:00pm (initially at the Vicarage, various venues thereafter)  
sign up for Wednesdays via <https://stpeterscolchester.churchsuite.com/events/tucjorjt>
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## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The next 'Coffee & Chat' will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, at the Mercury Theatre Cafe from 10:15am; all are welcome.
  - Mark, our Vicar, will be on sabbatical from 27<sup>th</sup> April until 27<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - There will be no BCP Communion at 9:00am next Sunday; the early service is suspended during the Vicar's sabbatical.
  - The first meeting of the new PCC will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, in the Church Hall at 7:30pm.
  - Any items for consideration in future editions of the 'Update' should be submitted to the Church Manager by 3pm on the Wednesday before publication (preferably by email).
  - 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.
  - We livestream our Morning Service via YouTube: please subscribe to our channel ("stpeterschurchcolchester") to access the livestream, which continues to be shown in the Family Room on Sunday mornings for those with young children.
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## REFUSE, RUBBISH & RECYCLING

We are pleased to confirm that everything put in the rubbish bins at St Peter's will go through CSH's waste management and recycling processes. This means that everything that can be recycled will be recycled.

As such, please feel free to use any of the bins in the church or church hall. There is no need to separate out recyclables, as all the bins are emptied into the blue CSH wheelie-bin in the churchyard - ready to be collected and processed by CSH.