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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

7:45pm Bible Study Group (*at the Froudes*)

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

*Bible Study Group postponed until next Wednesday*

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

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

*coming up soon...*

*Mon 13 May PCC meeting*



## St Peter's Update

27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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## NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

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*on sabbatical until Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July*

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## A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH MANAGER

Dear Friends,

As Mark begins his sabbatical this weekend, I hope you will join me in praying for him - for a time of retreat and refreshment. He has been working very hard! Please know that you can still contact me or the Churchwardens during this period and we'll be happy to help if we can.

The weekly Bible Studies will continue this summer on Tuesday evenings at 7:45pm and on Wednesdays at 2:00pm unless otherwise said. There is still time to sign up - everyone is welcome.

Please see also a delightful letter from Richard overleaf, one of our sponsored children. He is so grown up now and it has been a joy to follow him on his journey through the years.

Yours,

Bernice

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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 step down from her role.

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## PARKING AT THE VICARAGE

Please note that while Mark is on sabbatical, parking will not be available at the Vicarage except on the following occasions:

- On Sunday mornings for those attending the church service. This is of course in addition to the parking area we are allowed to use next to the Vicarage
- On Thursday mornings for Tiny Tots

There may be other specific occasions when it is possible to park at the Vicarage, but these will be notified separately.

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## A LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR SPONSORED CHILDREN

We have recently received a couple of letters from Richard, in Brazil. Here's an extract:

*Hello dear sponsor St Peters! Are you doing well? How have you been doing? I'm doing well. I came to the project in a different time and the people that I knew must have changed shifts. The entrepreneurship class is a very important theme for all of us since being continued in our project. This year of 2024 is very important in my life, and everything else because things in my life are changing a lot when I started to read and understand the Bible.*

*Everything is changing, and the transformation is being visible to many people.*

*I started high school and in my school it's very interesting.*

*I plan to win the State inter-schools championship, one of the sports that I'm really interested in is basketball, it is my favourite sport.*

*I also intend to apply for the Army, it would be weird to have my hair cut, my hair is shoulder length.*

*I ask for prayers for everyone at St Peter's Church, and I wish that God's grace may be with all of you.*

*From, Richard*

If you would like to write to Richard in Brazil, please speak to Bernice (details overleaf) for details of how that can be done.

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## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Mark, our Vicar, will be on sabbatical 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.
- Our Bible Study Groups continue through this summer term. For information about dates and venues, please sign up via ChurchSuite or through the Parish Office. Please note however that the Wednesday Bible Study on the 1st May is postponed until the following week, the 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- The next 'Coffee & Chat' will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, at the Mercury Theatre Cafe from 10:15am; all are welcome.
- We have a new Prayer Diary! Please join together in praying for all aspects of church family life by following a few prompts each day this month. Pray on your own, in prayer couples or triplets, whichever suits you best. Please pick a copy up from church or contact Bernice in the office who will send one to you.
- There will be no BCP Communion at 9:00am this Sunday; the early service is suspended during the Vicar's sabbatical.
- 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.
- Arrangements for our livestreaming have had to change recently due to a change in Facebook policy. We are now seeking to livestream via YouTube: please subscribe to our channel ("stpeterschurchcolchester") to access the livestream, which will continue to be shown in the Family Room on Sunday mornings for those with young children.