
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 5th May

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

Tuesday 7th May

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

Wednesday 8th May

2:00pm Bible Study Group (*at the Larkins*)

Thursday 9th May

10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)

Sunday 12th May

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

NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

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St Peter's Update

4th - 5^h May 2024

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN

Dear Friends,

In my very first update I have a thankyou and a recommendation.

First, thank you everyone who has contributed towards our Contagious appeal. We are well on our way but still need more if we are to fully fund our young people who are attending the Bible School in August. These summer schools are so beneficial for the teenagers in our church family and we want to encourage them all to attend at some stage. So, if you intend to contribute but haven't yet, let me give you a gentle reminder. You can pay by cash, cheque, or online but please remember to clearly mark your contribution 'Contagious' so we can ensure it goes to the right place.

Now the recommendation. It's about our Bible study groups. These involve a few of us getting together each week to look closely at a passage from the Bible. As someone who has come fairly recently to faith I find these sessions really useful, but I know that so too do those who have been christians all their life. So let me recommend them to you no matter how far you have travelled on your road to faith. It's not too late to join the current round of sessions. See the note elsewhere in this update for details.

Meantime, it's May! The most beautiful month of the year. Praise the Lord!

God bless

John

EQUIP EVENT: "JUST IMAGINE" - Thursday 9th May and Saturday 11th May

How can your God-given imagination fire your love for Jesus? Our imaginations are constantly active - even asleep, we dream!

On Thursday 9th May (7:30pm-9:30pm) and Saturday 11th May (9:30am-11:30am), Oak Hill College is offering a new Equip session online to explore how God has designed our imaginations to help us worship a God we cannot see, and wait for a new creation we cannot visit, and how God achieves all this through a book! This teaching session is delivered in two 45-minute teaching sessions, with opportunities for interactions and questions. Both dates cover the same material, and do not run in series.

For information and for booking a ticket, visit Oak Hill's website (oakhill.ac.uk). Click on 'Resources' and 'Upcoming Events'.

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.

VISITING PREACHER

- Our preacher this Sunday will be Revd John Dunnett. Next Sunday, our preacher will be our very own Duncan Breckels.
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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Mark, our Vicar, will be on sabbatical 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.
- 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.
- Our Area Dean was installed as a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral on the 28th April. His service and dedication have been recognised and acknowledged by the Diocese, and his title is now The Reverend Canon Erwin Lammens.
- The next 'Coffee & Chat' will be on Wednesday 22nd May, at the Mercury Theatre Cafe from 10:15am; all are welcome.
- We now have a 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.