
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 16th June

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

Tuesday 18th June

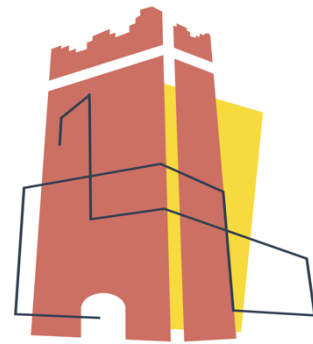
- 7:45pm Bible Study Group (*at the Froudes*)

Wednesday 19th June

- 10:15am Coffee & Chat (*mercury theatre café*)
1:45pm Bible Study Group (*at the Larkins*)

Sunday 23rd June

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



St Peter's Update

15th - 16th June 2024

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A NOTE FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN

This Sunday, Father's Day is celebrated across the country. Although Father's Day is not an official event on the church calendar, it is an opportunity to reflect on the role of Father's in our families and in society, and above all to reflect on our heavenly Father.

The New Testament refers to God as, "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph.1:3). In the Lord's prayer Jesus famously teaches his disciples to address God as "Our Father". Through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, His followers have been adopted into God's family and now get to call him Father.

What a wonderful privilege!

In Christ
Trevor

VISITING PREACHERS

Our preacher this Sunday will be Revd Canon David Banting. Next Sunday, our preacher will be Revd Paul Sothern. Do join us for these services if you can!

DEFENDING FAITH, FAMILY AND FREEDOM

Christian Institute is inviting to a meeting on Tuesday 25th June at 7:30 at Rickstones Church, Witham, CM8 2NG. The coming General Election gives us all a chance to have a say in who our governing authorities are. As Christians, it is right that we carefully consider how to vote, and that we pray for the new MPs.

Topics include Conversion Therapy, Assisted Suicide and Schools and there will be an opportunity to hear more about the difference that Christians can make.

- Gospel freedom will be at risk if a law against 'conversion therapy' imposes LGBT theology on preaching, prayer, pastoral work and parent-child conversations.
- Allowing assisted suicide would put vulnerable people at risk, but the most sick and fragile in society are still valuable because they are made in God's image. Meanwhile, in our schools, pupils are increasingly exposed to harmful ideologies and anti-Christian teaching.

Speakers will be Callum Webster and David McPherson. For more information, please [click here](#) or contact Pastor Adrian Diaper on 07828 011839.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- This year's Visitation Service and Licensing of Churchwardens by Archdeacon Ruth takes place on Monday 24th June at 7pm for an 8pm start. This will be in Lawford, St Mary, CO11 2JX, (not in Witham as written in a previous Update). Please pray for Trevor Froude and John Hartwell, our Churchwardens, in their important roles and for their work throughout the year.
- The Wednesday Bible Study Group will meet at 1:45pm (note the change of timing) for their final two sessions. The last session will be on the 26th June.
- The next 'Coffee & Chat' will be on Wednesday 19th June, at the Mercury Theatre Cafe from 10:15am; all are welcome.
- Tiny Tots Playgroup has now finished for this term and we wish all the leaders, helpers and families a happy summer!
- Drinking water is available at the back of church, from the machine beside the font.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.