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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

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

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

1:45pm Bible Study Group (*at the Larkins*)

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

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



## St Peter's Update

22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

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## NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

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## A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH MANAGER

One aspect of working in a church office is the job of keeping records of matters of importance. We have cabinets full of records going back quite some time, and folder after folder with electronic records. Some old paper records are replaced by new ones - and therefore need to be shredded and discarded. Computer records that are out of date are deleted, no more to be seen.

God keeps record too - but not of our sin. Believers' names are written in heaven (Luke 10:20). Revelations mentions books being opened and names read out. Our old sins are erased and no longer remembered (Isaiah 43 and Hebrews 8). Isn't it amazing that we can be forgiven, and our sins completely washed away, like old records in a dusty cabinet. The only important record is kept by God Himself, who we can fully and completely trust until the end of our days.

Yours,  
Bernice

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## VISITING PREACHERS

Our preacher this Sunday will be Revd Paul Southern. Next Sunday, our preacher will be Pastor Ray Brown. Do join us for these services if you can!

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## ST PETER'S KIDS - TINY TOTS

*Our midweek Playgroup for under 5's has been running for around two and a half years! Here's an update from the Team...*

Hi Everyone, we thought you might like a little bit of an insight into Tiny Tots (our baby and toddler group.) By 10am each Thursday morning our church hall is transformed into a child paradise: toys to play with, things to ride on, books to read, clothes to dress up in, and things to make at the craft table. The Team works hard to welcome everyone and to build up relationships as we chat with the grown-ups over tea, coffee, homemade cakes, and [sometimes chaotic] playtime! We established Tiny Tots as a way to introduce local families to Jesus - and each week we finish our time together with a Bible story and songs that teach Bible truths. Since opening in January 2022, we have got to know over 100 families, some of whom have also come along to other events and services. There have been many seeds sown and we pray that, in the months and years to come, many more families will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

It is a great privilege to be involved in this ministry ...and if anyone is interested in helping out we'd love to hear from you!

Lizzie and the Tiny Tots Team



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## CHURCH BUILDINGS SUPPORT CONVERSATION

In June this year, an advisory group consisting of people from churches across the diocese was convened to help design the 'Church Buildings Support Conversation'. Over the coming months, this group will be holding diocesan wide conversations about how to ensure those who care for our church buildings are given the support they need to maintain, manage and improve them.

The conversation will be taken out to church communities this autumn. The group would love to hear your thoughts on what the discussions should cover and how the conversation might take place.

To find out more about the conversation and share your thoughts and ideas, please [click here](#) or get in touch with Bernice in the office.

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## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- This year's Visitation Service and Licensing of Churchwardens by Archdeacon Ruth takes place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm for an 8pm start. This will be in Lawford, St Mary, CO11 2JX. Please pray for Trevor Froude and John Hartwell, our Churchwardens, in their important roles and for their work throughout the year.
- The Tuesday Bible Group will meet at 7:45pm on the 25th June at the Froudes.
- The Wednesday Bible Study Group will meet at 1:45pm on 26<sup>th</sup> June at the Larkins (note the start time) for their final meeting of this course.
- We have recently been granted official permission from the Diocese to allow repairs to be carried out to the tower clock. Now that permission has been granted, we are waiting for a start date from the contractor.
- Can you help? We currently need people to help with the tidying up after the service on Sundays. If you might be able to help occasionally, or just want to find out more without making any commitments, please get in touch with Bernice in the office.
- Ignite, our youth group, for school years 9-13, will meet on Sunday evening, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, at 7pm in the Church Hall.
- 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.