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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

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

coming up soon...

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July Ladies' Book Club Social  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July Coffee & Chat



## St Peter's Update

6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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### A NOTE FROM THE PCC SECRETARY

As far as PCC news is concerned, things are a little different at the moment. The Standing Committee unusually met via Zoom last month, the reason being that there was little substantive business to discuss and little to decide on. Having covered a good deal of ground in the May PCC meeting, the Standing Committee found that a Zoom meeting would suffice; the only real topic to discuss was the upcoming July PCC meeting.

Once again, there was little substantive business available to form an agenda, and so the Standing Committee decided that July's PCC meeting need not go ahead. Even so, the PCC will be busy around July 8; the usual written reports and other relevant papers will still be circulating, and as always these will generate questions and answers. The main difference from the norm is a lack of items on which decisions need to be taken.

By the way, the PCC is still short of one member, so if you feel you might like to serve in this way, or are curious to find out more, please let me know.

Lastly, as the summer slows things down a little, it's worth including a reminder here of the Ladies' Book Club Social and the next Coffee and Chat (see overleaf). (To echo John's message last week, these both involve cake!)

Mick

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### NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

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## VISITING PREACHERS

Our preacher this Sunday will be Revd Dick Farr. Next Sunday, at our Family Communion Service, our preacher will be Duncan Breckels. Do join us for these services if you can!

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## ST PETER'S KIDS: BIBLE TOTS

Our younger group, Bible Tots, meets in the Church Hall on Sundays during the service. Here is an update from the leaders:



Hi Everyone, we thought you might like to know what happens on Sunday mornings in Bible Tots. This is the group for children aged 2-5 and is a lot of fun. (We currently have 10 children in this age bracket!) We start our time in the Hall together with the Diggers group; singing songs that teach Bible truths, and asking God to help us to listen to Him as we dig into his word. At that point the Diggers head off to their group, and the Bible Tots have their Bible story.

This term Bible Tots have been looking at the Old Testament accounts of Creation, Fall, Flood, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Exodus, and more. Each week we teach a true story from the Bible, and explain simply how it applies to the children. It takes a lot of preparation in advance, and is often rather chaotic on the day! But amidst the biscuits, puppets, glue, and crayons, our small children are learning about our Creator God; the only ruler, judge, and saviour, and they are being encouraged to put their trust in Him. Bible Tots is a work with eternal significance and it is an absolute privilege to serve the Lord in this group. We are very grateful to the adult helpers who join us, and would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in giving this a go!

Tash & Lizzie



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## CHURCH WHATSAPP GROUP

There is an informal church WhatsApp group, and anyone connected to St Peter's is welcome to join. There is a QR code that can be scanned in church (or you can send a message to the Church Office asking for a link!)..

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## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The Prayer Diary for July is now available. 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 up a copy from church or contact Bernice in the office for a copy.
- The next 'Coffee & Chat' will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, at the Mercury Theatre Cafe from 10:15am; all are welcome.
- As part of a national church project to promote digital giving, St Peter's has been successful in our application for a Giving Station to accept collections and donations by debit and credit cards. It is located at the back of the church, and should be easy to use, but if you have any questions, please speak to our Treasurer, Richard. We also still have the wooden collection box at the back of the church.
- 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).
- Drinking water is available at the back of church, from the machine beside the font.
- 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.
- 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.