
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 14th July

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

Monday 15^h July

7:30pm Ladies' Book Club Social (*heavenly desserts*)

Tuesday 16th July

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

Wednesday 17^h July

10:15am Coffee & Chat (*mercury theatre café*)

Sunday 21st July

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



St Peter's Update

13th - 14th July 2024

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A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH MANAGER

Every time I go away, whether on a long holiday or a shorter trip, I bring a selection of books to read. Of course, I end up not reading half of what I brought. But I mostly get through one or two. And during the long summer evenings, even the rainy ones that we've had lately, I think it's hard to beat settling down with a new book or revisiting an old favourite.

As we plan our summer readings this year, and perhaps rekindle the joys of a good book, let's not forget the best one of all. Above all, let's rekindle the joy of reading the Bible: the book that never gets out of date, reveals God's character, and teaches us to trust in His Son Jesus Christ.

Yours,

Bernice

VISITING PREACHERS

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

PRAY FOR MPs

The Christian Institute's Acting Director Ciarán Kelly said: "I would encourage Christians to commit to pray for their local MP - whether or not they voted for them."

"Get in touch with them, ideally in person, and let them know that's what you're doing. This is a great opportunity to start building a new constructive relationship, or renew an existing one. For example, many of the more than 5,000 churches that support the CI have previously invited their MP to a Sunday service and found them more than willing to attend.

These men and women need our prayers and the Bible instructs us to pray for them. They also need to hear from informed Christians prepared to urge them to pass laws which restrain evil and promote good. Make your Christian voice count."

SUMMER READING

Summer is here, and whether you're hoping to explore new places or enjoy a break closer to home, there are loads of new Christian books to delve into. [10ofthose](#) has a summer reading challenge for children and teenagers and certificates and prizes, as well as books for all ages. [The Good Book Company](#) has a summer sale on to be checked out. Whether we might get a new or second hand book or raid our bookshelves, there are many good Christian books for maintaining and initiating personal growth in our Christian life.

ST PETER'S KIDS: DIGGERS

Here's an update from our leaders about one of our children's groups that meet on Sundays:

Diggers is our group for children in school years 1-4 (roughly ages 6-9) and we meet in the church hall alongside the Bible Tots group (ages 2 - 5). There are around 3-5 children in Diggers on average (although we can have more if there are visitors!) and it is run by one leader with a helper. We start off together with Bible Tots with some songs and a prayer, before leaving them to go into the main hall. We then have our session which is usually a mixture of snacks, Bible stories, crafts, games, and sometimes acting out stories, building Lego, or making visual aids.

During the last couple of terms, we have been working through resources from an organisation called 'Mustard Seeds'. We have been looking at the Gospel accounts through the eyes of Peter, and following his journey meeting and getting to know Jesus, seeing his miracles, hearing his teaching, and witnessing his arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection. We have then continued following Peter through some of the events in the book of Acts, and are currently in Acts looking at some of the events that happened to Paul on his missionary journeys.

The aim of each session is always to teach the Bible in a faithful, fun and engaging way, helping the children get to know Jesus, understand the gospel message, and see how God's word applies to their own lives and to our whole church community. Our prayer as leaders is that the children will grow to know Jesus as their King and Saviour for the rest of their lives, and it is a privilege to be able to be a part of this journey with them.



NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The next 'Coffee & Chat' will be on Wednesday 17th July, at the Mercury Theatre Cafe from 10:15am; all are welcome.
- Please note that we do not take up a collection during the service. There are, however, a wooden collection box and a card reader 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.