
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 21st July

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

Sunday 28th July

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

Sunday 4th August

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



St Peter's Update

21st - 28th July 2024

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on sabbatical until Sunday 28th July

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A NOTE FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN

Next weekend sees the return of our vicar, Mark, who has been on a much needed and well deserved sabbatical over the last 3 months.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who have sacrificially given of their time and energy to love and care for God's people at St. Peters during Mark's absence. If I were to start listing names I would quickly run out of my allotted words. The church 'body' is made up of different kinds of people with different gifts, skills and abilities, every part of the body needs the others to function and to grow. Even as our vicar returns let me encourage you to continue in works of service so that the body may be built up more and more.

As a refreshed Mark returns (vicar 2.0?) please do join us next Sunday as we welcome him home to St. Peters.

In Christ

Trevor

UPCOMING PREACHERS

Our preacher on Sunday 21st July will be Revd David Banting. On Sunday 28th, we welcome back our Vicar, Mark Wallace, from his sabbatical. Do join us for these services if you can!

SUMMER PROGRAM: ST PETER'S KIDS

The children's programme over the next few weeks will be slightly different, as follows:

- the Family Room will be open as usual, showing the livestream of the service;
- Summer Holiday Club will be in the Hall for those up to / including school year 4 (ie. Bible Tots and Diggers age);
- Spark and Ignite (ie school year 5 and above) will be remaining in church.

Please note that, as with previous Holiday Clubs, parents are asked to assist the leaders, according to need, to ensure the appropriate supervision ratios. Our regular SPK groups (Bible Tots, Diggers, and Spark) plan to start up again in September.

VICARAGE LUNCH - Sunday 11th August

Have you recently joined St Peter's Church? Or are you thinking about making St Peter's your home? Then do join us for lunch on Sunday 11th August – an opportunity to find out more about church life, to meet with members of the Leadership Team, and to ask any questions you may have. The Vicarage Lunch will be after the Morning Service (around 12:30pm), and is free of charge. Please sign up via the QR code to the right, and let us know of any dietary requirements.



NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The Church Office is closed for a week until Monday 29th July. This number of *St Peter's Update* covers two weekends. Details for whom to contact in the meantime can be found overleaf.
- Geoff Tomlin, a very active member of St Peter's for many years, sadly died on Sunday 14th July, aged 95. His funeral will be on Monday 5th August, 12 noon, in Bath. It will be streamed live, for details please speak to Richard Lawn or Andrew Lawn. Please remember his family in your prayers.
- Balkerne Gardens is holding a Summer Fete on Saturday 10th August from 11am to 4pm with a BBQ, tea room, activities and more. Please see poster on the table at the back of the church (south aisle) for further details. All are welcome.
- The annual Ride & Stride in aid of Essex churches is on Saturday 14th September. Explore wonderful local churches by bike or on foot, on your own or with a friend. Enjoy the exercise and meet new people. Half of the funds raised will be returned to St Peter's. Sponsorship forms are available in church or from the office if you'd like to take part. More information on poster at the back of the church (south aisle) and via <https://www.friendsof Essex churches.org.uk/ride-stride>
- 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 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.