
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 1st September

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

Tuesday 3rd September

9:30am 'Spring Cleaning' (*hall & church*)

Wednesday 4th September

9:30am 'Spring Cleaning' (*hall & church*)
11:00am Communion Service (*freda gunton lodge*)

Thursday 5th September

10:00am Tiny Tots Team Meeting (*hall*)

Friday 6th September

9:30am 'Spring Cleaning' (*hall & church*)
10:00am Church Open Day (*open till 4pm*)

Saturday 7th September

9:30am 'Spring Cleaning' (*hall & church*)
10:00am Church Open Day (*open till 4pm*)

Sunday 8th September

9:00am BCP Communion Service (*church*)
9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (*church*)
10:30am Morning Service (*church*)
1:00pm Church Open Day (*open till 4pm*)

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St Peter's Update

31st August - 1st September 2024

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Over the last few years, *Christianity Explored* has been one of the most popular groups we have offered here at St Peter's. It is a relaxed and informal way of looking at the basics of Christianity - either for the very first time, or as a helpful refresher course. It is also a really good opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

This autumn, we are planning both a daytime group on Wednesday mornings (from 18th Sep), and an evening group on Thursdays at 7:45pm (from 19th Sep). Please pick whichever is more convenient. Sign-up is via the ChurchSuite app, or by contacting the Church Office.

And if you have any questions (especially about whether it is suitable for you, or not) do please give me a ring or catch me in church on Sunday. I hope you can join us.

With best wishes,



NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR ST PETER'S KIDS

We are delighted that St Peter's Kids is continuing to grow. As the numbers increase, we have had to change our drop-off and return procedures to ensure the ongoing safety of everyone. Please bear with us as we get used to this new approach...!

- **BIBLE TOTS** (for children who have turned 2, up to and including Nursery and Reception). Please would a parent or guardian bring the child down to the SPK check-in desk in the Church Hall. Once the child has been checked-in, please feel free to rejoin the church service. At the end of SPK, when the children are brought to the back of church, please be prepared to go to the back of church to collect your child in person. If a parent or guardian is not immediately available (perhaps because they are delayed in the Family Room), the child will be looked after at the back of church until the parent/guardian is available.
- **DIGGERS** (for those in school years 1, 2, 3 & 4). Please would a parent or guardian bring the child down to the SPK check-in desk in the Church Hall. Once the child has been checked-in, please feel free to rejoin the church service. At the end of SPK, everyone in Diggers will be brought back into church: if a parent or guardian can be readily identified, the child will be allowed to rejoin their parent/guardian in the pew; if a parent or guardian cannot be readily identified (perhaps because they are delayed in the Family Room), the child will be looked after at the back of church until the parent/guardian is available.
- **SPARK** (for those in school years 5, 6, 7 & 8). There is no change in the arrangements for Spark. Please head to the Vestry (front-left of church), where the check-in can take place with no parent/guardian required to be present. Spark members will rejoin their parent/guardian in church at the end of SPK.

Over the next few days, we will also be seeking parents' ongoing consent for children to be in SPK. This will be initiated by email, and can be completed on ChurchSuite. If you need assistance with the process, please contact the Church Office.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Our Bible Study Groups will be starting up on the 10th/11th September, using material based on the previous Sunday's sermon in church. Please note: the studies are not reliant on having previously heard the Sunday sermon (which can usually be accessed via the St Peter's YouTube channel), although we hope it will have been helpful!

If you would like to sign up for either the Drury Road Group (Tuesdays, 7:45pm) or the Cranmere Court Group (Wednesdays, 1:45pm), you can do so via the ChurchSuite app (My Groups > Sign Up > select), or by contacting the Church Office.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The Prayer Diary for September 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.
- The 9:00am Service of Holy Communion, according to the Book of Common Prayer, will restart on Sunday 8th September.
- Tiny Tots is due to restart on Thursday 12th September at 10:00am. Before that start-date, there is a "Team Meeting & Cleaning Session" for those helping with Tiny Tots, this Thursday (5th Sep) in the Church Hall.
- We have received details of a vacancy at Colchester Korban for a Move-on Project Worker (12 hours per week, including at least one evening). Further details are available from the Church Office, or from Lizzie Wallace (work: 01206 869553).
- 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. If you would like to make a donation to support the work of the church, you can do so via the card reader (or, for cash, the wooden box) at the back of church.
- 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.

THE AUTUMN 'SPRING CLEANS'

From the Churchwardens: As the new term starts in September, we are looking to 'spring clean' both the Hall and the Church, to give both buildings a once-a-term deep clean. Can you help us, at 9:30am on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Friday 5th, or Saturday 6th? No great cleaning experience or expertise is required; just a willingness to "get stuck in", for an hour or so. If so, please email the Office or sign-up via ChurchSuite. Thank you!