
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday 14th September

10:00am Church Open Day (*till 4pm*)

Sunday 15th September

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)

10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (*church*)

10:30am Communion Service (*church*)

7:00pm Ignite (*hall*)

Tuesday 17th September

7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 18th September

10:30am Christianity Explored (*vicarage*)

1:45pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 19th September

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

7:45pm Christianity Explored (*vicarage*)

Sunday 22nd September

9:00am BCP Communion Service (*church*)

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)

10:00am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (*church*)

10:30am Morning Service (*church*)



St Peter's Update

14th - 15th September 2024

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A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This weekend marks the end of Bernice Watts' ministry in the Church Office. Over the last ten years, Bernice has been such a blessing to us at St Peter's, not just in all the work she has done (and she has done so much!) but in the way she has done it - so many have appreciated her kindness, gentleness, and patience as she has kept church life ticking over.

On Sunday, we will be thanking Bernice publicly (but hopefully not too embarrassingly!) in church. Do join us for that if you can. And at the same time, let us thank the Lord for his provision of her successor: Sally has started work in the Office, and is rapidly picking up where Bernice has now left off!

With best wishes,


Mark

GIFT DAY - Sunday 22nd September

This month, we are encouraging everyone who is part of the St Peter's church family to prayerfully review their financial giving, and to consider what they might be able to pledge by way of financial support for the year ahead.

Our total expenditure for 2025 is expected to be £105,000 (or approximately £8,600 per month). As things stand, we expect to have a deficit of £1750 per month, and it is this need we are encouraging everyone who is part of St Peter's to consider prayerfully and generously ahead of next Sunday's Gift Day. Further details are available in the Gift Day Letter (copies are available at the back of church if you did not receive a letter in the post this week), along with Gift Day Pledge Forms and Envelopes.

Next Sunday (22nd Sep) will be our Gift Day. If you are unable to be in church that day, please feel free to post your envelope or hand it directly to Richard. If you can be with us for the Gift Day, and if you are able to pledge towards supporting the ministry of the church over the coming year, please complete the green Pledge Form and place it in the envelope - ready to be offered during the service next weekend. Thank you.

MAINTENANCE UPDATES FROM THE PCC

- The PCC are pleased that the work to repair the church clock can now be commissioned. The mechanism will be taken away for repair, and the clock faces removed for cleaning, in the next few weeks, and the work should take about six weeks to complete. The repair work is being funded partly by generous donations and partly by a legacy from the late Heather Loyd.
 - In addition, the PCC are also now able to move forwards with replacing the (extremely old and increasing frail) boiler in the Church Hall. It is expected that the new boiler will have been installed by the end of this month. This work is being funded by a 'section 106' grant from Colchester Borough Council, for which the PCC is very grateful.
 - The graffiti on the external pillar on North Hill has been removed, with the assistance of Colchester Borough Council.
 - Please be aware that the lights in both toilets have a sensor that (especially in the accessible toilet) requires you to walk in before it is activated. We are aware, however, that this may not be working as well as we had hoped, and are looking at options to improve the situation.
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HARVEST FESTIVAL GIFTS FOR BEACON HOUSE

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 29th September. As in previous years, the harvest gifts will be given to support the work of Beacon House - a Christian charity in the city centre that supports the homeless. Details of what is most needed are on the flier in church this weekend.



NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The Bible Study Groups continue this week, and sign-up is via *My Churchsuite* or via the Office. The notes will be sent out by email in advance to all those who have signed-up.
- The church building remains open this weekend as part of the Heritage Open Days, between 10am and 4pm.
- The Church Office in the Hall is open from 10am to 4pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Email and voicemail messages will be monitored outside of these times, but only occasionally.
- Please note that the Vicar's Day Off this week will be on Friday.
- 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.