
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 23rd March

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

Tuesday 25th March

- 7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 26th March

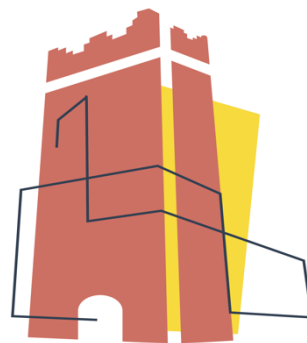
- 1:45pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 27th March

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

Sunday 30th March

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



St Peter's Update

Sunday 23rd March 2025

The full church calendar is available on the website via
www.stpeterscolchester.org/whats-on/

NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

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A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

I need to write this week about a very important issue that is about to arise within our church life.

Richard Lawn has been our PCC Treasurer for 15 years, but has recently decided the time has come for him to step down. We will be expressing our sincere gratitude to Richard at our Annual Church Meetings in May, but it does mean we are now in need of someone (or a small team of people) to take on the role.

First, please would you pray about this need? The role of the Treasurer, in stewarding our resources wisely and in offering godly counsel to the PCC, is very important indeed. Please pray for the Lord to provide a successor!

Secondly, please consider if you might be able to help. We are giving serious consideration to dividing the role up amongst a small team, and so I would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be able to help in any way whatsoever connected with this role.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

JERICHO ROAD GROUP

A new home group is starting up at St Peter's! We'll be meeting for bible study & prayer at 26 Rosebery Avenue in Colchester (CO1 2UJ; Dan and Bernice's place). Start date: Tuesday 1st April, and then on a monthly basis.

Our name, 'Jericho Road', comes from Jesus' parable about a wounded Jewish man by the roadside on the way to Jericho. Our desire is to help us at St Peter's put into practice the teaching of Jesus to love your neighbour as yourself. We'll spend part of our meetings together considering how we can best serve people in their practical needs.

If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Dan/Bernice in the first instance (01206 866630 / bernice_p@yahoo.com). If you know someone who you think might find the group helpful, please do also encourage them to get in touch.

MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT DAY - Sunday 30th March

Every year, on Mothering Sunday, we seek to continue our church's sponsorship of two young people - Mary in the Philippines, and Richard in Brazil - through Compassion UK's initiative to "Make a Mother's Day". This year, Mothering Sunday is on 30th March. Leading up to that Sunday, we will therefore be giving everyone at St Peter's the opportunity to contribute towards our ongoing sponsorship of Mary and Richard, which totals £768 each year. More details can be found in the leaflets in church this Sunday, but please consider whether you might be able to join us this year, and "Make a Mother's Day"...!

CONTAGIOUS BURSARIES

St Peter's is delighted to be able to support young people going to the Contagious camps in the summer. Any final requests for financial support from the church in 2025 should be directed to the Vicar (contact details overleaf), must be accompanied by the relevant booking confirmation from Contagious, and need to have been received by 5pm on Monday 31st March.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- We have now begun the process of renewing the church's Electoral Roll. Applications can be completed online via the link, or via the paper Application Forms available in church on Sunday (which should then be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer's box file at the back of church). The official deadline for returns is Easter Day, but it would help the Office Team significantly if applications could be **completed and returned by next Sunday (30th March)**.
- Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 31st March, in-person at 12 noon and online at 8pm. The dates of the next few Church Prayer Meetings are: 14th April, 5th May, 19th May, 2nd June, and 16th June.
- The Annual Church Meetings will be on Wednesday 7th May, at 7:30pm, in church. At those meetings, we will be electing two Churchwardens for the year ahead, and four members of the PCC to serve a three-year term.
- The Bishop of Ebbsfleet's Regional Conferences are being held this year in Cambridge (6th May) and London (15th May). They are particularly aimed at church leadership teams (eg PCC and licensed ministers), but everyone is welcome. Please talk to Mark for further information, or following the registration link in the newsletter or on the Ebbsfleet website.
- The Church Library has recently re-opened at the back of church (north side). Do please take a look, and see if you would like to borrow something - all free of charge...
- Drinking water is available at the back of church, from the machine beside the font.
- We livestream our Morning Service via YouTube; please connect via the link in the Church WhatsApp group, that will be posted just before the beginning of the service. The livestream will continue to be shown in the Family Room on Sunday mornings for those with young children.
- 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.
- As we look forward to Easter, you might like to put these dates and details in your diary...
 - Maundy Thursday - **Reflective Communion Service** - 7:00pm on Thursday 17th April
 - Good Friday - **Messy Church** (in the Hall) - 10:30am on Friday 18th April
 - Good Friday - **Songs of Calvary** (for about an hour, in church) - 2:00pm on Friday 18th April
 - Easter Day - **Family Communion Service** - 10:30am on Sunday 20th April