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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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*)

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March

12 noon Church Prayer Meeting (*vicarage*)  
8:00pm Church Prayer Meeting (*online*)

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

7:45pm Drury Road Group  
8:00pm Jericho Road Group

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

11:00am Communion Service (*freda gunton lodge*)  
1:45pm Cranmere Court Group  
7:00pm Messy Church Prep Session (*vicarage*)

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

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

The full church calendar is available on the website via  
<https://stpeterscolchester.org/whats-on/>

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## NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

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[the Vicar is away on annual leave from 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April]  
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## St Peter's Update

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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### A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Easter is only three weeks away! As we look forward to the most significant weekend in the church's calendar, may I encourage you to think about how we might share this with others?

Surveys suggest that around 80% of the population are at least 'somewhat likely' to attend church if invited by a friend or relative. In a similar vein, a personal invitation is considered the single most effective method (by a huge margin) for encouraging people to church.

The Good Friday Messy Church and Easter Day Family Communion are two of the best opportunities we have at St Peter's for people to hear the gospel of Jesus. Fliers will be available in church this Sunday; who might you invite to hear the best news ever this Easter?

With best wishes,



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## EASTER CARDS FOR SALE

If you will be sending Easter cards this year, or need some other Christian greetings cards, then Andy Lawn has some of his own designs for sale at the back of the church. They are £1 each, or 3 for £2. Alternatively, you can shop online via [ajlcreativedesigns.etsy.com](https://ajlcreativedesigns.etsy.com)



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## CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The meeting at 12 noon will be 'in-person' at the Vicarage, while the evening meeting at 8pm will be 'on-line' via Zoom (the log-in will be advertised on the Church WhatsApp group). Both meetings will last for about 30 minutes, and everyone is welcome to attend either. The dates of the Church Prayer Meetings through the spring and early summer are: 14<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and 16<sup>th</sup> June.

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## JERICO 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 1<sup>st</sup> April, at 8pm, 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](mailto: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.

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## PCC TREASURER ROLE

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. We are giving serious consideration to dividing the role up amongst a small team, and so the Vicar and Churchwardens would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be able to help in any way.

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## 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 this Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> March)**.
- 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, must be accompanied by the relevant booking confirmation from Contagious, and need to have been received by 5pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- Volunteers needed for a 'Prep Session' ahead of Messy Church. If you can usefully operate a pair of scissors / felt tip pen / glue stick (and enjoy chatting and biscuits!), please do join Lizzie at the Vicarage on Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> April): 7-9pm!
- Please note that the Vicar will be on Annual Leave from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Meanwhile, the Church Office will be closed from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Alternative church contacts are outlined overleaf.
- The Bishop of Ebbsfleet's Regional Conferences are being held this year in Cambridge (6<sup>th</sup> May) and London (15<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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.