
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 14th September

9:00am Team Prayer Meeting (*church*)
9:15am SPK Registration (*hall*)
9:30am Communion Service (*church*)
11am-4pm church open for Heritage Open Days

Monday 15th September

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

Tuesday 16th September

7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 17th September

1:45pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 18th September

10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)

Friday 19th September

10am-4pm church open for Heritage Open Days

Saturday 20th September

10am-4pm church open for Heritage Open Days

Sunday 21st September

9:00am BCP Communion Service (*church*)
9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (*church*)
10:15am SPK Registration (*hall*)
10:30am Morning Service (*church*)
12-4pm church open for Heritage Open Days
7:00pm Ignite (*hall*)

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St Peter's Update

Sunday 14th September 2025

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Ever wondered who Jesus really is? Or what it means to follow him? Perhaps you know someone curious about faith but unsure where to start. Christianity Explored is a relaxed, no-pressure course giving you space to explore these questions for yourself.

Our next course begins on Thursday 2nd October, running for seven Thursday evenings. Together, we'll explore Mark's Gospel, discovering who Jesus is, why he came, and what following him looks like in everyday life. Each session includes a short Bible study and time for questions and discussion. You won't be asked to pray or sing!, Just come, listen, think, and ask.

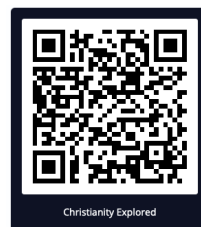
The course is for everyone: whether you've never really engaged with Christianity, or have drifted away, or just want a 'refresh'. It's a safe space to ask the big questions and see what the Christian faith is really about.

We warmly invite you to register now to secure your place (via the QR code). And as you consider joining, think about someone you could invite along – a friend, neighbour, or family member who might benefit from exploring faith alongside you. Exploring together often makes the journey even richer.

Take the step today – and discover for yourself the life-changing story of Jesus.

With best wishes,

Mark



Christianity Explored

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER - visit of Bishop Rob Munro

Please remember that our Morning Service this Sunday (14th Sep) will start at **the earlier time of 9:30am**. This is to enable us to avoid most of the disruption being caused later in the day by the Soapbox Rally on North Hill...

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Rob Munro, the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, at this service. Bishop Rob will be preaching from Psalm 1, and commissioning Anne Kavanagh as our new volunteer Pastoral Assistant. We also hope, after the service, to be able to engage with the crowds gathering outside on North Hill – so do please stick around to help us offer coffees etc!

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY - Sunday 21st September, 10:30am

Back to Church Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to extend a simple invitation: “*Would you like to come to church with me?*” Many people are just waiting for someone to ask, and a personal welcome can make all the difference. Why not take a moment to think of a neighbour, friend, or family member you could invite? You might be surprised how grateful they are to be asked...

HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS - Sunday 28th September

This year, our Harvest Festival collection will once again support Beacon House, a local Christian charity providing vital care and support to people experiencing homelessness in Colchester. We warmly invite you to bring any of the items listed below to the Harvest Festival Service. Your generosity will make a real difference, helping to bring warmth, dignity, and hope to those in our community who are most in need.

Beacon House have particular need of tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, cooking sauces, gravy, sugar, tinned tuna, crisps, squash, mayonnaise, brown sauce, coffee, herbs & spices, salt, pepper, cooking oil, and washing-up liquid.

[Please note: no soup, no baked beans, no tea bags, no biscuits, no toiletries are required this year].

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Thank you to everyone involved in this year's fundraising efforts through the 'Ride & Stride'!
 - Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 15th September: the 'in-person' meeting at 12 noon will be in church, while the evening 'online' meeting is via Zoom at 8pm (the log-in will be advertised on the Church WhatsApp group). Both meetings will last for about 35 minutes, and everyone is welcome. The dates of the Church Prayer Meetings for the rest of this term are: 6th October, 20th October, 3rd November, 17th November, and 1st December.
 - The next 9:00am BCP Communion Services will be on Sunday 21st September.
 - Ignite, our youth group for those in School Year 10 and above, continues on Sunday 21st September, at 7pm, in the Hall.
 - The next 'Coffee and Chat' will be on Wednesday 8th October, at 10:15am, at the Mercury Theatre Café.
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GIVING TO SUPPORT THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF ST PETER'S

At St Peter's, we don't take up a collection during the service. However, there is a card reader at the back of church for those who would like to make a donation on Sunday. More importantly, we warmly encourage everyone who considers themselves part of our church family to think about how they might give regularly to support the ongoing mission and ministry of the church.

If you haven't yet established a pattern of regular giving, there are three simple ways to do so:

- **set up a Standing Order online**, directed to “St Peters PCC”, Santander, sort code 09-01-54, account 36051087;
- **complete a paper Standing Order form**, available at the back of church, and submit it to your bank;
- **give via MyChurchsuite** by going to the *MyGiving* section, clicking “add a donation”, and entering the details.

Wherever possible, we also encourage the use of **Gift Aid**, which increases the value of your gift at no extra cost to you. Regular giving in any of these ways helps the church plan and steward resources wisely, and allows all of us to join together in the work God is doing through St Peter's.