
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

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*)

Monday 22nd September

7:30pm Safeguarding Training Clinic (*vicarage*)

Tuesday 23rd September

7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 24th September

1:45pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 25th September

10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)

Sunday 28th 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*)

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

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St Peter's Update

Sunday 21st September 2025

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Back to Church Sunday!

Today is a wonderful opportunity to say: "welcome". Whether this is your first time with us, or whether you are returning after some time away, it is our greatest joy to have you here. Church is not first and foremost about buildings, meetings, or traditions – though these have their place. At its heart, church is about God gathering His people to meet with Jesus Christ through His Word and in the power of His Spirit.

Every Sunday, we come not to showcase ourselves, but to hear the good news that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1.15). We come to be reminded that our hope rests not in what we do for God, but in what God has done for us in His Son – crucified and risen, reigning and returning. Here we open the Scriptures together, we lift our prayers to the throne of grace, we sing His praises, and we are renewed in faith, hope, and love.

So whether you feel near to God or far off, the invitation is the same: come to Christ, for He promises rest for the weary and life for all who trust in Him.

With best wishes,

Mark

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Ever wondered who Jesus really is? Or what it means to follow him? Maybe you know someone curious about faith but unsure where to start. *Christianity Explored* is a relaxed, no-pressure course where you can ask questions and discover answers for yourself. Starting **Thursday 2nd October**, we'll meet for seven evenings to explore Mark's Gospel together. We'll see who Jesus is, why he came, and what following him looks like in real life. Each session includes a short Bible passage, a short talk, and plenty of time for discussion. There's no singing, no praying out loud—just a chance to listen, think, and ask.



This course is for anyone: whether you're new to Christianity, returning after some time away, or just wanting a refresher. It's a safe, welcoming place to explore life's biggest questions. We'd love you to join us—and why not bring a friend, neighbour, or family member along too? Exploring together often makes the journey richer. Scan the QR code to register, and take the opportunity to discover the life-changing story of Jesus.



HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS - next Sunday (28th Sep)

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...

- Ignite, our youth group for those in School Year 10 and above, continues this Sunday (21st Sep), at 7pm, in the Hall.
- The Church Library is open 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 are trialling a simultaneous translation facility during the 10:30am Morning Services. To access the live translation, you will need to download the *Microsoft Translator* app, and enter the five-letter code for that morning (the code is displayed at the back of church, and is usually also on the Church WhatsApp).
- The next 'Coffee and Chat' will be on Wednesday 8th October, at 10:15am, at the Mercury Theatre Café.

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.