
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

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 Harvest Festival Service (*church*)

Monday 29th September

all day the ReNew Conference (*Leeds*)

Tuesday 30th September

all day the ReNew Conference (*Leeds*)
7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 1st October

11:00am Communion Service (*freda gunton lodge*)
1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 2nd October

10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)
7:30pm Christianity Explored (*vicarage*)

Sunday 5th October

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (*church*)
10:15am SPK Registration (*hall*)
10:30am Communion 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 28th September 2025

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This Harvest, we are again supporting Beacon House, a Christian charity in Colchester that offers hope, dignity and practical care to people who are homeless, vulnerably housed, or at risk of losing their home. Beacon House provides free healthcare through its Primary Healthcare Centre, showers, laundry, and even hairdressing. Guests can also enjoy a hot meal in the café, use IT facilities, receive help with CV writing, and take part in art, crafts and life-skills sessions. Their team also works tirelessly to help people find and sustain secure accommodation.

All of this flows from their vision: *"to provide Christ-centred love, hope and acceptance to those who are homeless or without permanent accommodation... bringing hope to the lost through the love of Jesus."*

We would love our church family to support Beacon House generously again at this Harvest time. You can do this in three ways:

1. bringing harvest gifts (*see over for what's needed!*)
2. giving financially to support their work
3. volunteering time or skills directly with them

Please give generously – and, together, we can help share the love of Jesus and bring hope to those in need.

With best wishes,

Mark

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time, we share specific areas where extra help is needed in the life of our church. Each of these opportunities is a chance to serve God, bless others, and grow in faith together. We prayerfully invite you to consider whether the Lord might be calling you to step forward and offer your time and gifts in one of these important ministries.

- **Tech Team Member:** to assist with the sound system and video projection (involves set-up and take-down on Sundays) as part of a team; no experience needed; training & support available [*Tech Team, volunteer role*]
- **Hall Bookings Co-ordinator:** to run the admin associated with hiring out the church hall (approx. 2 hours per week); some computer proficiency required; training and support available [*Office Team, volunteer role*]
- **Assistant Treasurer:** to assist with reports, budgets, returns etc (approx. 3 hrs per week, plus year end); this significant role will require relevant skills and experience; training & support available if needed [*Finance Team, volunteer role*]
- **Finance Administrator:** dealing with cash, cheques, invoices etc (approx. 2 hours per week); no experience or technical skill required, but some computer proficiency will be needed; training & support available [*Finance Team, volunteer role*]
- **Tiny Tots Team Member:** to assist on Thursday mornings with welcoming and hosting parents and young children; no experience necessary; safer recruitment processes will be required [*Tiny Tots Team, volunteer role*]

If you'd like to find out more or explore how you could get involved, please speak with the Vicar or our Church Administrator.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- This year, 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 give as generously as you are able to support Beacon House's work.
 - *Christianity Explored* begins this Thursday (2nd Oct), at 7:30pm. For further details, or to register, contact 07947 136 048.
 - Mark and Lizzie Wallace are attending the ReNew Conference this Monday and Tuesday. ReNew is a network of churches working together locally, regionally, and nationally to pioneer, establish, and secure healthy local Anglican churches.
 - Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 6th October: 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 20th October, 3rd November, 17th November, and 1st December.
 - Small Groups are a wonderful way to get to know others, grow in faith, and make our large church feel like family. Everyone is welcome! If you'd like to find out more or join a Small Group, please get in touch with the Vicar or our Church Administrator (see back page for contact details).
 - 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.
 - 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.