
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 5th October

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (*church*)
10:15am SPK Registration (*hall*)
10:30am Communion Service (*church*)
7:00pm Ignite (*hall*)

Monday 6th October

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

Tuesday 7th October

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

Wednesday 8th October

10:15am Coffee & Chat (*mercury theatre café*)
1:45pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 9th October

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

Sunday 12th October

9:00am BCP Communion (*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 5th October 2025

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

The announcement that Bishop Sarah Mullally has been nominated as the next Archbishop of Canterbury is a historic moment for the Church of England, since she will be the first woman to serve in this role. As Bishop Sarah steps into this huge responsibility, let us not only offer our congratulations but also commit to praying for her – that God might grant wisdom, courage and grace.

For those of us who hold complementarian convictions about men and women in ministry, the announcement does present particular challenges. Yet Bishop Sarah has shown both graciousness and a real understanding of our theological position, so I am confident she will continue to uphold the Five Guiding Principles in a way that allows for mutual flourishing, and I trust that we will be able to work well together in the years ahead.

Most importantly, we are united in the greater call to serve our nation and to share the hope and good news of Jesus Christ, who is the true head of the Church.

With best wishes,

CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

We'd love you to join us as we pray together this term. Our next meetings are on **Monday (6th Oct):**

- **12 noon in church** (meeting under the north/left gallery)
- **8pm on Zoom** (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87622420468?pwd=OYSVImwldseusdDEsldQwJyYxv8slv.1>)

Each meeting lasts about 35 minutes, and is an opportunity to pray for the work of the church and for those in need. Future dates: Mon 20 Oct, Mon 3 Nov, Mon 17 Nov, Mon 1 Dec. Everyone is warmly welcome.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Thank you to everyone who gave so generously in support of Beacon House at last week's Harvest Festival.
 - 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 next 'Coffee and Chat' will be on Wednesday 8th October, at 10:15am, at the Mercury Theatre Café.
 - *Christianity Explored* begins this Thursday (9th Oct), at 7:30pm. For further details, or to register, contact 07947 136 048.
 - *for all SPK Leaders and Helpers*: the next 'Equip' session, for those working with children, is on Thursday 23rd October, in the evening. Further details to follow.
 - The Church Library is open at the back of church. Do take a look; it's all free of charge...
 - If English is not your first language, the free Microsoft Translator app can provide live translation of the sermon and the spoken parts of the service. It is simple, uses little data, and works best if you sit near the front to hear the speaker clearly.
 - Drinking water is available at the back of church, from the machine beside the font.
 - We aim to 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.
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THE 2025 SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year we are once again supporting the Shoebox Appeal, bringing joy to children around the world who might otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. By filling a shoebox with simple gifts — such as toys, school supplies, toiletries and sweets — you can help show God's love in a practical and personal way. Each box is a small act of kindness that makes a big difference. Empty shoeboxes and leaflets with packing instructions will soon be available at the back of church. Please return your completed boxes by Sunday 9th November so we can send them on in good time. Thank you for taking part!

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.
