
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 19th 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 20th October

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

Tuesday 21st October

7:30pm Christianity Explored (*vicarage*)
7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 22nd October

1:45pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 23rd October

10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)
7:30pm "Equip" training for SPK volunteers (*hall*)

Sunday 26th 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*)
3:30pm Fundraising Meeting (*vicarage*)

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

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St Peter's Update

Sunday 19th October 2025

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to be able to share the great news that the Colchester Foodbank will soon be opening on three days each week in our Church Hall.

Foodbanks provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. The central hub for Colchester is in Tollgate, but they will be opening a satellite centre here in the city centre, at St Peter's. Initially, this will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 11am until 1pm, although there is scope for growth in the future.

The satellite centre in the Church Hall will open at the beginning of November. If you would like to be directly involved in supporting the Foodbank, and especially if you might like to help as a volunteer, do please talk with Lizzie in the Office.

With best wishes,



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MATTERS

- Nominations for the two vacancies on the PCC are now open. Nomination papers are available at the back of church, or on request from the Office. The deadline for nominations to be received is Sunday 2nd November.
- On the agenda for the next meeting (on Monday 10th November) will be the difficult question of whether or not the PCC should apply for funding from the National Lottery towards the work on the church roof. Please pray for wisdom for all members of the PCC as they review the arguments for and against, and for unity at they deliberate and decide.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS - Monday 20th October

We'd love you to join us as we pray together this term. Our next meetings are on Monday (20th Oct):

- 12 noon in church (meeting under the north/left gallery)
- 8pm on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87622420468?pwd=OYSVImwldseusdDEsldQwJyIxc8slv.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 3 Nov, Mon 17 Nov, Mon 1 Dec. Everyone is warmly welcome.

"EQUIP" TRAINING FOR SPK VOLUNTEERS - Thursday 23rd October, 7:30pm

If you're a leader or helper at SPK – or even just thinking about getting involved – this training is for you! The sessions are short, fun, and really practical. We'll explore things like what makes a great children's leader, how to prepare and share a simple Bible story, managing a group with grace and confidence, keeping kids engaged and loving every minute, and growing step by step as a leader. Whether you're already part of the SPK team or just curious, you're so welcome to join us. To find out more or register your interest, please get in touch with Lizzie in the Office.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- *A personal note from Greta Bennett:* Thank you to everyone who came to the Memorial Service for Denise on Tuesday, and for the all the kind gifts of flowers and donations.
- Next Sunday (26th October), do join Lizzie at the Vicarage for a cup of tea and a conversation about possible fund-raising events and ideas – starting at 3:30pm. Bring your best ideas!
- The funeral of the late Revd Harry Boreham will be at St John's Church on Tuesday 28th October, starting at 2:30pm.
- The next 'Coffee and Chat' will be on Wednesday 5th November, at 10:15am, at the Mercury Theatre Café.
- We're once again supporting the Shoebox Appeal, sharing God's love by sending simple gifts to children who might otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. You can pick up an empty shoebox and leaflet in church, fill it with small treats, and return it by Sunday 9th November – or give a donation to help fill a box.
- 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...
- 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.
- 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.