
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

*Please note that many church activities
are taking a break over Half Term*

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*)

Tuesday 28th October

2:30pm Funeral: Harry Boreham (*st john's*)
7:30pm Christianity Explored (*vicarage*)

Thursday 30th October

no Tiny Tots this week [returns: 6th Nov]

Saturday 1st November

9:00am ReNew Chelmsford Synod (*walthamstow*)

Sunday 2nd November

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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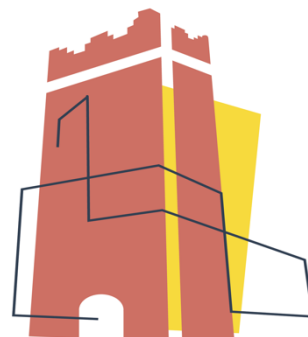
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 26th October 2025

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Advent and Christmas are great opportunities to invite friend and family to church, to celebrate with us and to hear the good news of Jesus. As such, you might like to **have these opportunities in your diary:**

- the Advent Carol Service – Sun 30 Nov, 10:30am
- 'Messy Church' – Sun 14 Dec, 10:30am
- the Christmas Carol Service – Sun 14 Dec, 6:30pm
- Christmas Eve Christingle Services – 3pm & 5pm
- Christmas Day Family Communion – 10:00am

Do be thinking and praying now about who you could invite to each of the services!

Meanwhile, as we start to prepare, here is an invitation to **join our Christmas Choir** and be part of the festive music! The choir will be singing at both the Carol Services (but don't worry if you can only make one of those two!). Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm, starting on 12th November in the Church Hall. Any questions? Do please chat with Richard Lawn.

With best wishes,

Mark

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- The total sponsorship money raised by St Peter's people at the *Ride & Stride* in September was £1,143.27 (with some Gift Aid to be added)! The organisers have written in response: *"What a magnificent sum you have raised for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust. Please pass our huge thanks to the many participants."* Half of the money raised will go directly to St Peter's, the other half will go towards grants for those applying for assistance (so we may benefit twice!).
- Do join Lizzie this Sunday at the Vicarage at 3:30pm for a cup of tea and conversations about possible fund-raising events, that we could think about arranging over the months ahead. Bring your best ideas!



RENEW CHELMSFORD SYNOD - Saturday 1st November

Do join us next weekend, as ReNew churches from both AMIE and the CofE come together to advance our gospel call to pioneer, establish and secure churches in the region. The Synod (at St John's in Walthamstow) is an opportunity to hear updates, connect with others, and pray together. Registration is via the Church Office. *NB. Mark will be driving to Walthamstow with at least two spaces in his car. Contact him directly if you would like a lift!*

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The Colchester Foodbank will soon be opening a new 'satellite venue' in the St Peter's Church Hall. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Lizzie in the Office for details.
- Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 3rd November: the 'in-person' meeting at 12 noon will be moving to the Vicarage over the winter, while the evening 'online' meeting is via Zoom at 8pm, with the log-in advertised on the Church WhatsApp group. *[Future Church Prayer Meetings will be on Mon 17 Nov, Mon 1 Dec and Mon 19 Jan.]*
- The next 'Coffee and Chat' will be on Wednesday 5th November, at 10:15am, at the Mercury Theatre Café.
- At St Peter's, we don't take a collection during the service, but a card reader is available at the back of church for those who wish to give. More importantly, we encourage everyone who considers themselves part of our church family to consider regular giving to support the ongoing mission and ministry of the church. This can be done by Standing Order, or through *MyChurchsuite's MyGiving* section. Wherever possible, please use Gift Aid to increase the value of your gift at no extra cost. Regular giving helps the church plan wisely, and helps us join together in the work God is doing.
- Small Groups are a great way to get to know others, grow in faith, and make our large church feel like family. If you'd like to find out more, or join a Small Group, please contact the Vicar or the Administrator (see over for contact details).
- The Church Library is open at the back of church (north side). Do please take a look - 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.
- If you would like to join the St Peter's Community Chat on WhatsApp, please contact Lizzie in the Office.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MATTERS

- Nomination papers for the two vacancies on the PCC are now available at the back of church, or on request from the Office. The deadline for nominations to be received is next Sunday (2nd Nov).
- 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 as they deliberate and decide.

