
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 9th November

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*)
7:00pm Ignite (*hall*)

Monday 10th November

7:30pm PCC (*hall*)
7:30pm "Equip" training (*vicarage*)

Tuesday 11th November

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

Wednesday 12th November

11:00am Communion Service (*freda gunton lodge*)
1:45pm Cranmere Court Group
7:30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal (*hall*)

Thursday 13th November

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

Sunday 16th 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/>

NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

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[away from Friday 14th until Thursday 27th November]

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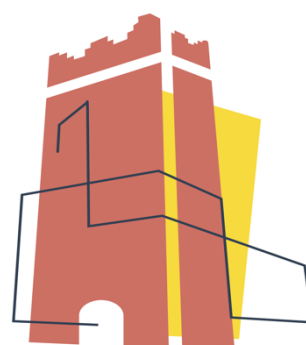
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 9th November 2025

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we'll gather as a church family to pause, reflect, and remember. Together with our nation, we give thanks for all who have given their lives in war and conflict – those who served with courage and compassion so that others might live in peace. We also remember those who still carry the pain and loss of war, and pray for all who work for peace in our world today.

Remembrance, though, isn't just about the past. It's also about the kind of people we want to be now: people who value peace, seek justice, and live with hope.

I'm delighted that we can welcome Lee McDade, from the Soldiers' & Aviators' Scripture Readers Association, to St Peter's this Sunday. SASRA works alongside our armed forces, sharing faith and offering support to those serving in demanding and often dangerous situations. We look forward to hearing from Lee, and joining in prayer for all who serve our country today.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old..."

With best wishes,



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MATTERS

- Congratulations to Anthony Nwosu and David Whittington who have both recently been elected to the PCC.
 - 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.
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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The deadline for the Shoebox Appeal is this Sunday (9th November). Thank you to everyone who has contributed!
 - Come, sing with our Christmas Choir! We'd love you to be part of this year's festive music-making. The choir will sing at both the Advent Carol Service and the Christmas Carol Service—but don't worry if you can only join for one of them! Rehearsals begin this Wednesday (12th Nov) at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. If you'd like to know more, just have a word with Richard Lawn—he'd be delighted to hear from you.
 - The rotas for December, January & February will be being published soon. If you are part of a Ministry Team, please let Lizzie know of any 'unavailability' (either via ChurchSuite, or directly to the Office) to avoid any unnecessary clashes.
 - We are delighted that our Church Hall is now being well used by a variety of community groups and external hirers. If you need access to the Hall for any reason, please do check its availability first. Keyholders can request the facility to view the Hall bookings on ChurchSuite (please contact the Office if you need assistance with this), or – during office hours – ask Lizzie to check for you. Thank you for helping us keep everything running smoothly.
 - Earlier this year, members of St Peter's donated £86.25 to support the work of GAFCON around the world. They have written to thank us for the donation, and to ask that their thanks be passed on to all who donated in support.
 - In September, we raised £130 to support the work of Beacon House in their ministry amongst the most vulnerable people in our society. They have written to thank us, and to say how the money is being spent. If you would like more information, please ask Lizzie in the Office to forward the email.
 - If this church feels like your spiritual home, we'd love you to be part of our Electoral Roll. It's a simple way of saying "*I belong here*" and helps you take part more fully in the life and decisions of our church family. You can join if you're 16 or over, baptised, and either live in the parish or have been worshipping with us regularly for at least six months. Forms are available at the back of church—please do pick one up, fill it in, and return it soon.
 - Please be aware that Mark and Lizzie Wallace will be away for a few days, from next weekend. Lizzie will be returning to work in the Office on Monday 24th November; Mark will be returning from Study Leave on Thursday 27th November. The Office phone (07947 136 048) will be checked periodically throughout this time.
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LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS...

Advent and Christmas offer many of the best opportunities to invite friends and family to church, to celebrate with us and to hear the good news of Jesus. With Advent only a few weeks away, you might like to have these opportunities in your diary:

- the **Advent Carol Service**, on Sunday 30th November at 10:30am
 - **'Messy Church goes all Christmassy'**, on Sunday 14th December at 10:30am
 - the **Christmas Carol Service**, on Sunday 14th December, at 6:30pm
 - our Christmas Eve **Christingle Services** at 3:00pm and 5:00pm (two services this year, to allow for larger numbers)
 - our **Christmas Day Family Communion Service**, at the slightly earlier time of 10:00am.
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GIVING TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST PETER'S

We don't take up a collection during the service, but there's a card reader at the back for anyone who'd like to give on Sundays. More than that, we warmly invite everyone who considers St Peter's their church family to think about regular giving—a simple way to share in the life, mission, and ministry of our church. You can set up a Standing Order to *St Peter's PCC* (Santander, sort code 09-01-54, account 36051087), or give easily through MyChurchSuite under *My Giving* → *Add a Donation*. If you can, please use Gift Aid – it adds 25% to your gift at no extra cost. Every gift, large or small, helps us serve God and our community together.