
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 16th November

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

Monday 17th November

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

Tuesday 18th November

7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 19th November

1:45pm Cranmere Court Group
7:30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal (*hall*)

Thursday 20th November

10:00am Tiny Tots (*hall*)

Saturday 22nd November

9:00am Diocesan Synod (*cathedral*)

Sunday 23rd November

no BCP Communion Service today

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/>

NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

Mark Wallace – Vicar of St Peter's

[away on annual leave this week, retuning Thursday 27th]

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St Peter's Update

Sunday 16th November 2025

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

As we approach Advent & Christmas, we're beginning a new sermon series in the book of Isaiah – one of the richest and most hopeful books in all of Scripture. Written centuries before the birth of Christ, Isaiah speaks into times of uncertainty, darkness, and despair. Yet again and again, God promises a future filled with light, peace, and restoration.

Isaiah reminds us that God has never abandoned His world. Even when His people were lost or afraid, He was already at work – preparing a way, sending His servant, promising a Saviour. Through Isaiah's words we'll glimpse God's great plan to bring hope to the hopeless and light to those who walk in darkness.

As we journey through these ancient prophecies, we'll see how they point us forward to Jesus – the true Light of the world. Our prayer is that this series will help us prepare our hearts for Advent, renewing our confidence that God is still at work today: redeeming, restoring, and shining His light into even the darkest corners of our lives and our world.

Come and join us as we discover together the hope of Isaiah's vision.

With best wishes,

Mark

AN APPEAL FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS...

John and Trevor write: It is wonderful that our church is growing. In a world so devoid of hope it is so heartening to see more and more people coming to us to hear the good news of the gospel and to grow in faith. And now our church is on the brink of a major step forward. For many years we have not had the resources to properly maintain the church building and the church hall. And it is getting to the stage where, if we are to continue to grow as we minister to the needs of our city, we need to effect the major repairs required, particularly to the church roof and to the roof of the church hall.

In preparation you will remember that we recruited a fundraiser earlier in the year. Lizzie has been busy sourcing all the funds which provide grants for the works required, and she is all ready to make applications once the architects can tell us how much the work is likely to cost. We pray and hope that the funds will be available.

Just as important as the funding is the need for a team of people to drive the project through: people with some knowledge or experience in management, particularly project management, to manage the flow of work as the project proceeds. Also we need people with financial skills to oversee that side of the whole operation.

So we need people who are willing to sacrifice some of their time and energy and knowledge to steer through the whole process. At this stage we merely want to identify those of you in our church family who have some appropriate experience or knowledge, so that we can explore with you whether you could play a part in our development team. No commitment at this stage – we just need to know what talents we have amongst us. So, if you have experience of management and/or of financial accounting, please talk to Mark or to either of the churchwardens.

CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S - a guide to getting involved...

As we look forward to Advent and Christmas, there are lots of ways to join in and help share the joy of the season. Why not get involved in one (or more!) of the following ways:

- **Sing with the Christmas Choir!** We'd love you to be part of this year's festive music-making. Rehearsals continue this Wednesday (19th 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.
- **Join a Christmas Prep Session!** Come along and help us get ready for our Christmas services – there'll be cutting, sticking, and plenty of festive cheer! Choose from Sunday 30th November, at 7pm (Church Hall) and/or Thursday 4th December, at 2pm (Church Hall), and/or Sunday 7th December, at 3pm (at the Vicarage). All welcome!
- **Donate some mince pies!** We'll be offering refreshments at many of our services in Advent and over Christmas. Can you bring along some shop-bought mince pies? They must be in unopened boxes, and in date until at least 25th December! Sadly, no homemade ones this year. You can drop them off in the kitchen in church on Sunday. Thank you!
- **Support the Christmas Concert Stalls & Raffle!** At our Christmas Concert on Saturday 6th December, we'd love to add some extra festive sparkle with a few stalls selling Christmassy crafts, gifts, and cards, as well as a raffle. If you're able to donate any suitable items – handmade crafts, seasonal treats, small gifts, or prizes for the raffle – please bring them along to church on Sunday 30th November.
- **Share the invitation!** Grab a handful of invitation fliers and pass them on to friends, neighbours, and family. A simple invitation can make all the difference – let's help others discover the hope and light of Christmas!

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Mark and Lizzie Wallace are away for a few days, and the Church Office will remain closed until Monday 24th November. The Office phone (07947 136 048) will be checked periodically while the Church Office is closed.
- The rotas for December/January/February have now been published on ChurchSuite.
- Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday (17th Nov): the 'in-person' meeting at 12 noon will be in the Hall, while the evening 'online' meeting is via Zoom at 8pm (the log-in will be advertised on the Church WhatsApp group).
- There will be no early Communion Service next Sunday (23rd). The next 9:00am BCP service will be on 30th November.
- 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.