
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

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*)

Tuesday 25th November

7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 26th November

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

Thursday 27th November

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

Sunday 30th November

9:00am BCP Communion (*church*)
9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (*church*)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (*church*)
10:15am SPK Registration (*hall*)
10:30am Advent Carol Service (*church*)
7:00pm 'Ignite gets ready for Christmas' (*hall*)

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

NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

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St Peter's Update

Sunday 23rd November 2025

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear Friends,

We love our church, don't we! For over a thousand years, St Peter's has stood as a beacon of faith, hope, and prayer at the top of North Hill. Generation after generation, our church family has cared for this place – repairing, refreshing, and sometimes rebuilding – so that worship and witness could continue.

Now it's our turn. Major roof repairs are needed, along with possible structural work. We're also exploring long-awaited improvements, such as a new disabled entrance. Our architects are currently assessing what's required, and once their report arrives, we'll be ready to apply for funding. Please keep praying for wisdom and success in this process.

To move forward, we need two kinds of help:

- project management – people with organisational or project experience who can help guide this significant work, and
- a new Treasurer – as Ed will be stepping down early next year, we need someone to take on this vital role in the life of our church.

If you might be able to help in either area, please speak to Mark or either of us. Together, we can ensure that St Peter's continues to serve our community for generations to come.

With best wishes,

John & Trevor

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!** Rehearsals continue this Wednesday (26th Nov) at 7:30pm in church. 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 any 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!

THE ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025

This year we're supporting two vital causes that reflect our mission of sharing hope and light: Beacon House and Exploring Educational Opportunities CIC.

1. Beacon House is a local ministry responding to homelessness in Colchester—providing healthcare, clothing, showers, food and a place of dignity and care. By supporting them we join in bringing Christ-like compassion to people often overlooked.

2. Exploring Educational Opportunities CIC is a not-for-profit community organisation, meeting in our Church Hall, that provides affordable and sometimes free courses for adults in the Colchester area who face barriers to education—whether because of cost, location or timing. Their work helps individuals grow in confidence, enrichment and employability.

The Christmas Appeal will open next Sunday (30th Nov), and you can give via the card reader at the back of church, or online – please mark your gift "Christmas Appeal". Your generosity this Christmas will help bring warmth, growth and new opportunity to those in need. Thank you for giving prayerfully and generously.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Tickets for our Christmas Concert on Saturday 6th December at 5pm (doors open 4:30pm) are now [available online](#). Do join us for an evening of traditional, non-traditional, and modern Christmas classics, performed by professional violin and cello duo: Melinda and James Greenfield!
- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- Drinking water is available at the back of church, from the machine beside the font.
- 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...
- 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.