
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 18th January

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 19th January

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

Tuesday 20th January

7:30pm Discipleship Explored (*vicarage*)
7:45pm Drury Road Group
8:00pm Jericho Road Group

Wednesday 21st January

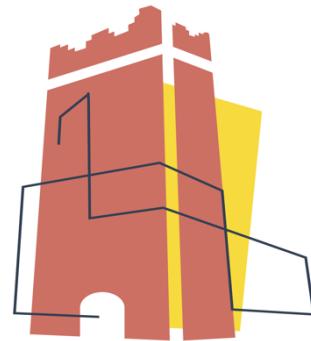
1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 22nd January

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

Sunday 25th January

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*)



St Peter's Update

Sunday 18th January 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, I am delighted that Revd Stuart Hull will be preaching in his capacity as a military chaplain. Many of us will already know Stuart and Suzanne and the family, as they are part of our congregation, and I am delighted that he will be continuing our preaching series from the letter of James.

Military chaplains serve as a trusted pastoral presence within the Armed Forces, offering prayer, counsel and practical support to service personnel and their families, often in pressured and unfamiliar environments. They accompany people through deployment, separation, moral and spiritual strain, and sometimes injury or bereavement – bringing the church's care to where it is most needed. Please hold Stuart, and all military chaplains, in your prayers as they seek to reflect Christ's compassion and steady hope among those who serve.

With best wishes,

Mark

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

NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

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[NB: the Office closes for the weekend at 1pm on Friday]

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CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 19th January. Please do come and join us – because prayer is not a formality, but the way we seek the Lord's help, strength, and guidance. As we pray together, God shapes us, grows faith among us, and equips our church for his work in our community and beyond.

- in-person: 12.00 noon at the Vicarage
- online: 8.00pm via Zoom (log-in details will be shared on the Church WhatsApp group, or click [here](#))

Future dates are: 2nd February, 16th February, 2nd March, 16th March, and 30th March. Please do come whenever you are able.

SMALL GROUPS AT ST PETER'S

If you are not yet part of a Small Group, we warmly encourage you to take that step this term. Whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or looking to grow as a disciple of Jesus, our groups offer a welcoming space to ask questions, open the Bible, pray, and get to know others. Options include Hope Explored, Discipleship Explored, and our Bible Study Groups (this term looking at James alongside the Sunday sermon series).

You can sign up via ChurchSuite, or contact the Church Office for details and help finding the right group.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- St Peter's is seeking a new Church Treasurer. You do not need to be a professional accountant, but some confidence with numbers is important, and there will be a full handover and support. Please prayerfully consider whether you (or someone you know) could help, and contact the Vicar or Churchwardens as soon as possible.
- We do not take up a collection during services, but a card reader is available at the back of church for Sunday donations. If you consider St Peter's your church family, we warmly encourage you to consider regular giving, which enables the church to plan wisely and support our ongoing mission and ministry. You can give regularly by Standing Order, via a paper form (available at the back of church), or through MyChurchSuite (MyGiving). Where possible, please also consider Gift Aid, which increases your gift at no extra cost to you.
- 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.
- Alongside our 10.30am service, you may also like to join us for Early Communion at 9.00am. This is a quiet, prayerful celebration of the Lord's Supper according to the Book of Common Prayer, lasting around 30 minutes—a peaceful space to hear God's Word, reflect, and receive Communion before the morning begins. It also finishes in good time for those helping prepare for 10.30am. Do join us on Sunday 25th January or Sunday 8th February.
- Places for Contagious Max East are filling up quickly! If you are planning to come (dates: Saturday 22nd to Friday 28th August 2026), please register online as soon as possible to secure your place. For further information, including a conversation about available bursaries, please contact Lizzie in the Church Office.
- Please be aware that Mark, our Vicar, will be away from Monday 26th to Friday 30th January. He will be attending a "Nurturing our Growth as Ministers" course, based at St George's House in Windsor.
- Drinking water is now available under the left/north gallery, by the kitchen door.
- *Ignite*, our youth group for those in School Year 10 and above, restarts on Sunday 18th September, at 7pm, in the Hall.

CHURCHSUITE

ChurchSuite, the church management system used in the Church Office, is available to all adult members of St Peter's. It is a helpful way to keep connected with church life: you can (with the usual privacy safeguards) look up contact details for others in the congregation, update your own information, and view the latest rotas, alongside other notices and resources. We encourage everyone to make use of ChurchSuite. It significantly reduces administration in the Church Office and helps us keep information accurate. We also welcome feedback on how it is working for you, so we can improve it.

You can access ChurchSuite in any web browser at login.churchsuite.com, or via the free iOS and Android apps. When prompted, search for our church: stpeterscolchester, then log in using your email address and password. If you need a password reset, please contact Lizzie during office hours. If you are using ChurchSuite for the first time, we can send you an invitation link which sets things up automatically.