

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

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)

Tuesday 27th January

no Discipleship Explored this week

- 7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 28th January

- 1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 29th January

- 10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)

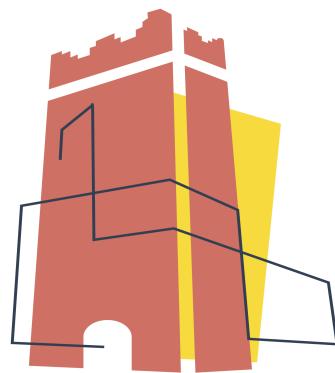
Saturday 31st January

- 9:30am Church & Churchyard Working Party

Sunday 1st February

- 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, with further details of locations etc, may be viewed online [via the website](#) or via ChurchSuite.



St Peter's Update

Sunday 25th January 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

I want to share a brief update on recent progress towards getting the work done on our church roof. After an initial drone survey last summer, the next step now is for a scaffold tower to be constructed in the churchyard, which will enable the relevant experts to access the roof safely and carry out a more detailed assessment. This is an important next step, as it will help us understand exactly what needs doing and plan the work properly.

As we do this, it is important to say that the roof work is intended to form part of a wider package of improvements, including better access and (we hope) making progress on the heating. Our aim is to take a joined-up approach, so that we address the bigger problem as effectively and responsibly as we can.

We are working on the basis that the overall cost for the work on the roof is likely to be in the region of £650,000. With that in mind, we are continuing the work of developing our case for support, so that we can make the strongest possible appeal to funders, trusts, and donors as we look to resource this major project.

Thank you, as always, for your prayers and support and encouragement as we take these next steps together.

With best wishes,

Mark



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Churchwardens and other office-holders at St Peter's may be contacted via the Office (office@stpeterscolchester.org).

CONTAGIOUS EAST 2026 – places filling up quickly!

This brilliant week of Bible teaching, worship and fun for children and young people is from Saturday 22nd to Friday 28th August. A number of young people and leaders from St Peter's are already signed up to go. Bookings can be made online at contagious.org.uk. For further information, including a conversation about available bursaries, please contact Lizzie in the Church Office. Places for Contagious East are filling up quickly, so please book as soon as possible!



CHURCH & CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY – Saturday 31st January (9:30am)

We are holding a short working party on Saturday 31st January, starting at 9:30am for around two hours, to help with some practical jobs in the church and churchyard. The plan is to tackle a few straightforward tasks, including sweeping leaves and some dusty cleaning indoors, to help keep our buildings and grounds tidy and welcoming. All help is very much appreciated – whether you can stay for the whole time or just part of the morning. If you are able to come, please register via ChurchSuite. This will allow us to keep you updated if there are any changes to the plan, including any arrangements we may need to make in the event of bad weather. Thank you in advance for your support.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday 18th February

Do join us in church for our Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service at 7.00pm (for around an hour). All are very welcome – whether you come regularly or this would be your first time, we would love to see you. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent: a season that invites Christians to pause, pray, and refocus on Jesus – making space for reflection, repentance, and renewed hope as we journey towards Easter. *[NB. Help needed! We would be grateful for a few volunteers to help with stewarding for the Ash Wednesday service. Please contact Lizzie in the Office if you might be able to help...]*

CHURCH FUNDRAISER CEILIDH – Saturday 7th March



Please join us for our Church Fundraiser Ceilidh on Saturday 7 March 2026, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, at St Peter's Church Hall, North Hill, Colchester. This will be a community fundraising evening of music and dancing – or simply watching and foot-tapping if you prefer! – and it promises to be great fun for everyone aged 10-110.

No experience is needed, as our caller will lead us through the dance steps and make it easy for everyone to join in. Tickets cost £10 per adult and £5 for those aged 10-18, and there will be refreshment sales and a raffle during the interval. All proceeds will go towards the costs involved in repairing our church roof and improving our disabled access. Please use the QR code here to purchase your tickets, or contact Lizzie in the Church Office if you would like assistance.

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.
- 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 this Sunday (or on Sunday 8th February; please check the website for future dates).
- Drinking water is available under the left/north gallery, by the kitchen door.
- 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.
- Mark, our Vicar, will be away this week (from Monday 26th to Friday 30th January) on a training course for church leaders.