
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 1st February

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

Monday 2nd February

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

Tuesday 3rd February

- 7:30pm Discipleship Explored (vicarage)
- 7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 4th February

- 1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

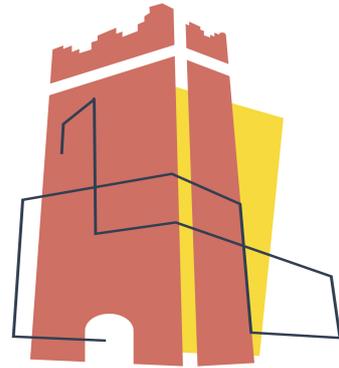
Thursday 5th February

- 10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)

Sunday 8th February

- 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)

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 1st February 2026



St Peter's

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

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Our Church Prayer Meetings continue this Monday (2nd Feb). Please join us, either in-person or on-line. Prayer is not a formality, but the way we seek our Father's help, strength, and guidance – and the Bible calls us to do this together: to "*devote ourselves to prayer*" and to "*stir one another up... not neglecting to meet together*" (Acts 2.42; Hebrews 10.24-25).

We meet "in-person" at the Vicarage at 12 noon (with free parking available if needed), and then "on-line" via Zoom at 8.00pm. The log-in details will be shared on the Church WhatsApp group, or [click here](#). Each Prayer Meeting lasts for 30-40 minutes.

Upcoming Church Prayer Meetings will be on 16th February, 2nd March, 16th March, and 30th March. Do come whenever you are able – whether regularly or occasionally – as we ask the Lord to build his church and advance the gospel in Colchester and beyond.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR UNAVAILABILITY IN CHURCHSUITE...!

Serving on a team on Sunday is one of the best ways to belong – sharing the load, using your gifts, and helping Sundays run smoothly so more people can hear the gospel and feel welcomed. Thank you for your help! With the new rotas due out in late February, please help us plan well by making sure your 'unavailability' is up to date in ChurchSuite. If you can, add dates directly in ChurchSuite; if not, just let Lizzie in the Office know and she'll happily update it for you.

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!



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.
 - The draft Minutes of the recent PCC meeting are available for inspection in church, on the noticeboard by the south door exit, under the south/right gallery.
 - The Prayer Pointers for February are now available, either on the Church WhatsApp group or from the back of church.
 - 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.
 - Do join us for our Ash Wednesday Holy Communion on 18th February at 7.00pm. All are very welcome, whether you've come before or it's your first time. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent – a refocus on Jesus as we journey towards Easter. We'd be grateful for a few volunteers to steward at the service; please contact Lizzie in the Office if you can help.
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CHURCH FUNDRAISER CEILIDH – Saturday 7th March



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

So, do join us for this community fundraising event. 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE: "MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY!"

Every year at St Peter's, on Mothering Sunday, we seek to continue our church's sponsorship of two young people – Mary in the Philippines, and Richard in Brazil – through Compassion UK's initiative to "Make a Mother's Day". This year, Mothering Sunday is on 15th March, and further information will be available in the coming weeks...