
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 22nd 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)

Tuesday 24th February

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

Wednesday 25th February

1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 26th February

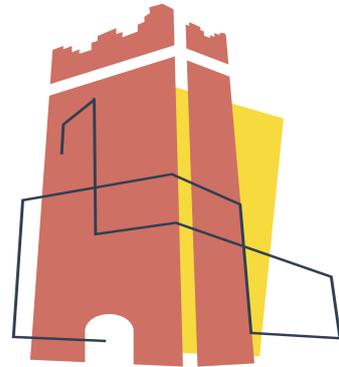
10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)

Saturday 28th February

9:30am Church & Churchyard Working Party

Sunday 1st March

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



St Peter's Update

Sunday 22nd February 2026

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



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A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to share that I've invited Andy Robinson to join us for the weekend of 21st-22nd March. Andy works with *Living Out*, an organisation that serves churches and individual Christians by offering a thoughtful, biblical, and pastorally-sensitive approach to questions of identity and sexuality.

Living Out is particularly helpful because it combines clear Bible teaching with real compassion and lived experience, helping us to speak and listen well, and to follow Jesus with both conviction and kindness in an area that can feel complex and deeply personal.

Andy will lead a couple of sessions on the Saturday afternoon for anyone who would like to explore these issues informally, and then he will speak on the Sunday morning to encourage us all as we seek to grow as disciples together. Further details will follow shortly, but please do put the Saturday afternoon (21st March) and Sunday morning (22nd March) in your diary now.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do get in touch.

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.

MINISTRY TEAM ROTAS – NOW AVAILABLE ON CHURCHSUITE

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered to serve on a rota. The rotas for March, April and May have now been published on ChurchSuite. It's not too late to join a team! If you would like to be involved, please speak to Lizzie.

ChurchSuite (the system we use in the Church Office) is available to all adult members of St Peter's, and we'd love everyone to make proper use of it. It's one of the simplest ways to stay connected to church life: you can update your details, find contact information for others (with the usual privacy safeguards), check the latest rotas, and access notices and resources in one place. It also significantly reduces administration in the Church Office and helps us keep information accurate.

You can access ChurchSuite in any web browser at login.churchsuite.com, or via the free iOS/Android apps. When prompted, search for our church: [stpeterscolchester](https://www.stpeterscolchester.org), 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. We also welcome feedback on how ChurchSuite is working for you, so we can keep improving it.

SCAFFOLDING & ROOF INSPECTION

Scaffolding will shortly be going up at St Peter's to enable a roof inspection to take place. The scaffold is currently scheduled to be erected on Tuesday morning, with the inspection itself planned for Thursday 26th February, attended by the architect, the roofing contractor, and representatives from the PCC. Part of the inspection will include carefully lifting small sections of leadwork to check the condition beneath and then reinstating it. We are sharing this so that everyone is aware of what is happening on site; please take extra care around the church entrances while the scaffold is being erected and dismantled.

THE VICAR IS OFF TO NIGERIA... (but plans to come back!)

As you may know, Mark has been invited to attend G26 in Abuja in early March, and will be away from next Saturday (28th Feb) until Sunday 8th March. G26 is a gathering of church leaders convened by GAFCON, bringing together Anglicans from across the world for prayer, fellowship, and consultation about the mission and future of the Anglican Communion. At a time when the Communion is being "reset" in various ways – with real pressures on unity, clarity, and faithful witness – GAFCON's purpose is to strengthen relationships, encourage biblical leadership, and contend for the gospel we have received.

PS. We're grateful to Neil McCathie and Duncan Breckels for covering the Communion Service on Sunday 1st March at 10:30am.

PPS. Please be reassured that the costs of the Vicar's travel and attendance at G26 have been met by generous supporters of GAFCON; there will be no financial cost to the PCC of St Peter's.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Would you like to receive this Update by email (usually on a Friday afternoon)? Just email or message the Church Office!
 - The next Church & Churchyard Working Party is being organised for Saturday 28th February (start: 9:30am). All help with sweeping, dusting, raking and cleaning very much appreciated! You can register [here](#) or directly via ChurchSuite.
 - Join us for our Church Fundraiser Ceilidh on Saturday 7th March 2026, 7.00-8.30pm, at St Peter's Church Hall – music, dancing (or happily watching!), with a caller so no experience needed (ages 10-110). Tickets: £10 for adults / £5 ages for 10-18s; refreshments and raffle. All proceeds support roof repairs and improved disabled access. See the leaflets in church for further details, including how to buy your ticket, or contact Lizzie in the Office for help. **Can you help with raffle prizes?** If so, please liaise with Elizabeth Ballard or Bernice Watts. Thank 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.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST PETER'S KIDS THIS SUNDAY?

Thank you to all our wonderful *St Peter's Kids* leaders and helpers! Here's what will be going on in SPK this coming Sunday...

- Spark (in the Vestry) are continuing their new 'Bible Overview' series, looking this week at 'God's Big Plan' in Genesis!
- Diggers and Seekers (in the Hall) will be looking at 'Samson – the Sinner', as part of their series in the book of Judges.
- Bible Tots (in the Church Lounge) will be learning about the story of the nativity, in a session entitled: "He's here!"

Do please pray for all our children and young people, and for all those leading, teaching and caring for them.