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## COMING UP THIS WEEK...

### Sunday 1st March

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

### Monday 2nd March

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

### Tuesday 3rd March

*no Discipleship Explored this week*

7:45pm Drury Road Group  
8:00pm Jericho Road Group

### Wednesday 4th March

1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

### Thursday 5th March

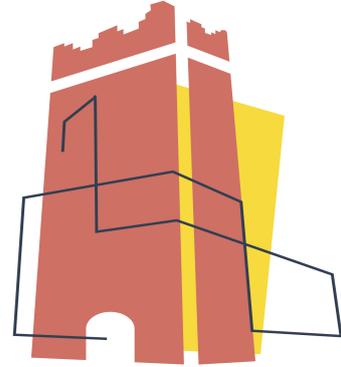
10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)

### Saturday 7th March

7:00pm Ceilidh (hall)

### Sunday 8th March

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 1st March 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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*Churchwardens and other office-holders at St Peter's may be  
contacted via the Office ([office@stpeterscolchester.org](mailto:office@stpeterscolchester.org)).*

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## A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This week we had a detailed roof inspection with our architects and a specialist roofer. The encouraging news is that the underlying timber structure appears to be in relatively good condition for its age and can likely remain as the basis of the work.

The concern is the lead covering: overlaps between sheets are too small, fixings beneath joints are insufficient, and some sheets have slipped. In places this has reduced the overlap so joints may be exposed, and where lead has become "trapped" by surrounding masonry it has buckled and split. The insulation is also old and degraded and falls well short of modern standards.

The architects' view is that superficial repairs might buy only around ten years, whereas replacing the lead covering properly (with upgraded insulation) would be a 50-60 year solution – better stewardship, better value over time, and far less risk of ongoing leaks and disruption.

We'll share next steps and costs as they become clear.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the text "With best wishes,".

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## CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 2nd March. 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 in the Church Hall
- online: 8.00pm via Zoom [[via this link](#); log-in details will be shared on the Church WhatsApp group]

Future dates are: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April, and 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please do come whenever you are able.

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## CHURCH FUNDRAISER CEILIDH – Saturday 7th March



Please join us for a Church Fundraiser Ceilidh this Saturday (7th Mar), from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, in the Church Hall. 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 Office if you would like assistance.

**Can you help with raffle prizes?** If so, please liaise with Elizabeth Ballard or Bernice Watts this Sunday. Thank you!

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## "MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY!" – Sunday 15th March

Each year at St Peter's, on Mothering Sunday, we are glad to continue our church's sponsorship of two young people – Mary in the Philippines and Richard in Brazil – through Compassion UK's "Make a Mother's Day" appeal. This year, Mothering Sunday is on 15th March, and we would love as many people as possible to be involved. Fliers are available in church this Sunday, with more information about how to give. Donations can also be made via the Payaz machine. Please speak to Lizzie if you would like to read the most recent letters from Richard or Mary, or if you would like to write a note to either of them.

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## 'LIVING OUT' – A CONVERSATION WITH ANDY ROBINSON

Andy Robinson from *Living Out* is joining us for the weekend of Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March. Andy is part of the team at *Living Out* and has been helping Christians and churches think carefully and pastorally about questions of sexuality, identity, and discipleship, with a clear commitment to following Jesus and caring well for people. Whether you have lots of questions, very few, or this feels personal, you are warmly welcome. The time on Saturday afternoon, from 3pm, will be an informal conversation with plenty of time for questions ([please do register](#) so we can send you the relevant details), and then Andy will be speaking on Sunday morning from Psalm 45. Please do come along – and feel free to bring a friend.

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## 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.
- Please be aware that Mark, our Vicar, will be away this week. He is attending the G26 conference in Abuja, and will be returning on Saturday 7th March.