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## COMING UP THIS WEEK...

### 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)

### Monday 9th March

7:30pm PCC meeting (hall)

### Tuesday 10th March

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

### Wednesday 11th March

10:15am Coffee & Chat (Mercury cafe)  
1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

### Thursday 12th March

10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)

### Sunday 15th March

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

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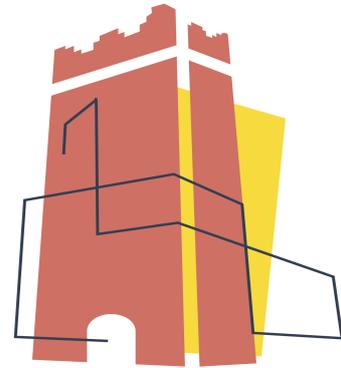
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## St Peter's Update

Sunday 8th March 2026

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### A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

It has been a great encouragement to join Anglicans from around the globe at the G26 Conference in Abuja. Hearing gospel partnership spoken of with such clarity and conviction reminded me that we are not isolated, but part of a wider family of churches seeking to contend for the faith once delivered and to commend Christ faithfully in our own contexts.

Alongside that encouragement, there was sober, careful work as we considered the practical and legal implications of disassociating from Canterbury-focused structures. This is not a reactive step, but a conscientious one, taken with due seriousness, prayer, and a desire to act with integrity and good order.

The emphasis now is on confessional fellowship: churches bound together by shared doctrine and discipline, shaped by the Jerusalem Declaration. That commitment provides a clear and positive basis for our future relationships and oversight.

I intend to report to the PCC on Monday evening, and I will update the church more fully over the coming weeks. Please continue to pray for wisdom, unity, and courage.

With best wishes,



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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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## LIFE EXPLORED – starting in April...

*Life Explored* begins on Tuesday 21st April at 7:30pm and you’re warmly invited to join us. *Life Explored* is a relaxed, discussion-based course that helps us explore the big questions of life – what does it mean to live a good life? where can we find lasting joy? – by looking at Jesus’ life and teaching through the Bible. Whether you’re brand new to Christianity, returning after time away, or you’ve been around church for years and want a fresh look, this is for you (and a great course to bring a friend to). We’ll continue on Tuesday evenings through May and June. To sign up, [please register on ChurchSuite](#) or speak to Lizzie in the Office.

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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.
  - The Parochial Church Council (the PCC) meets on Monday 9th March in the Church Hall, starting at 7:30pm.
  - Please note the dates of future Prayer Meetings: Monday 16th March, Monday 30th March, and Monday 13th April.
  - Good Friday Messy Church: We’d love some help preparing the crafts for this! Do come along if you are able to wield scissors and would enjoy chatting over tea and biscuits as we cut, stick, fold, etc! Wednesday 18th and Wednesday 25th March, in the Church Hall, from 7pm-9pm.
  - *Equip: Faith in Kids Training* is on Thursday 19th March at 7:30pm in the Hall (hot drinks and biscuits provided!). This session is for SPK leaders and helpers, with the Faith in Kids team helping us tackle one of the hardest parts of children’s ministry: talking well with parents. We’ll share what helps, discuss what families in our church need, and pick up practical ideas and small changes that can make a big difference as we partner with parents to help children grow in faith and love of Christ.
  - 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?

Please pray 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 ‘*the spread of sin*’ in Genesis.
- Diggers and Seekers (in the Hall) will be looking at the theme ‘*God is with me*’ as part of their series on Psalm 139.
- Bible Tots (in the Church Lounge) will be thinking about the wise men coming to see Jesus: “*The King of all Kings!*”