
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 15th March

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

Monday 16th March

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

Tuesday 17th March

- 7:30pm Discipleship Explored (hall)
- 7:45pm Drury Road Group
- 8:00pm Jericho Road Group

Wednesday 18th March

- 11:00am Freda Gunton Lodge Service
- 1:30pm Cranmere Court Group
- 7:00pm Messy Church Prep Session (hall)
- 7:30pm Deanery Synod (Wivenhoe)

Thursday 19th March

- 10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)
- 7:30pm "Equip" (hall)

Saturday 21st March

- 9:30am Diocesan Synod (Chelmsford cathedral)
- 3:00pm 'Living Out' conversation (hall)

Sunday 22nd 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)

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

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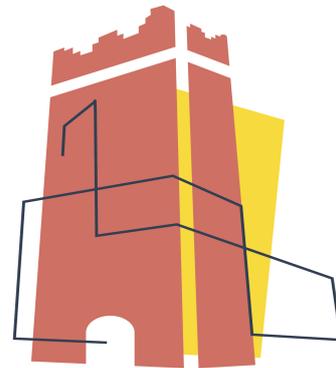
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 15th March 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

A reminder that this Sunday is Mothering Sunday, and with it comes our opportunity at St Peter's to support Compassion UK's *Make a Mother's Day* appeal. As a church, we are glad to continue sponsoring Mary in the Philippines and Richard in Brazil, and I would love to encourage as many people as possible to take part in the appeal this weekend. Flyers have been available in church over the last few weeks, and now this Sunday is the moment to respond.

Please do give generously if you are able. Donations can be made via the Payaz machine at the back of church, and further information is available on the flyers in church. Lizzie would also be very glad to share the most recent letters from Mary and Richard with anyone who would like to read them, or to help if you would like to write to them.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity; we look forward to sharing news soon of how the church has responded.

With best wishes,



CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 16th 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: 30th March, 13th April, and 27th April. Please do come whenever you are able.

'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 register](#), or contact the Office, so we can send you 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.

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.
 - Good Friday Messy Church: We'd love some help preparing crafts for this. Do come along if you can wield scissors and would enjoy tea, biscuits, and a chat while we cut, stick and fold! Wednesdays, 18th & 25th March, 7-9pm in the Church Hall.
 - *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 think practically about working with parents.
 - Mark and Lizzie Wallace will both be away this weekend on annual leave, returning to work on Tuesday 17th March.
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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.

CROSSLANDS TRAINING COURSES: GROWING IN FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING

We are soon hoping to offer modules from the Crosslands Training Course, centred around Thursday evenings. Crosslands offers flexible, accessible theological training for local churches, and we are currently planning to offer the *Reading & Understanding the Bible* and the *Bible Overview* modules. *Reading & Understanding the Bible* helps us read and apply Scripture with greater wisdom and confidence, while *Bible Overview* helps us see the big picture of the Bible more clearly and understand how it all fits together. Either course would be a helpful and encouraging way to grow in understanding God's word.

Because the course is flexible, we would not necessarily meet every week, and those already involved in a Small Group would be very welcome to join in, or may prefer to do this instead for a term. There is a financial cost involved, but the church is willing to cover this for church members who would like to study in this way. Further information can be found via [crosslands.training](#). If you would like to know more, please do speak to the Vicar.



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