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## COMING UP THIS WEEK...

### Sunday 5th April (Easter Day)

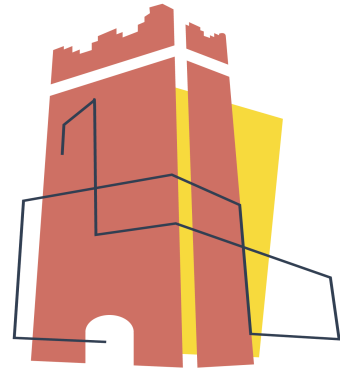
9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)  
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)  
10:30am Family Communion Service (church)

*Most Small Groups and church activities  
are taking a break over the Easter holiday*

### Sunday 12th April

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

Easter Day 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](mailto:office@stpeterscolchester.org)).*

**Please note: the Church Office will be closed  
in the week after Easter.**

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## A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

The hope of Easter is this: that Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, has been raised from the dead – and therefore sin, guilt, and death do not have the last word. The resurrection is God's vindication of his Son and the assurance to all who trust in him that forgiveness is real, life is stronger than death, and the new creation has already begun.

Join us as we celebrate this Sunday at 10:30am!

Meanwhile, my warmest thanks to everyone who has helped so faithfully in the life of the church this Easter – whether by stewarding, making music, arranging flowers, preparing crafts, welcoming people, serving refreshments, involvement in the services, or helping with the clearing up afterwards. So much of our fellowship together, and our partnership in the gospel, is sustained by countless quiet acts of generosity, and I am deeply grateful to you all.

With best wishes for a very happy Easter,

*Mark*

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## WHAT MIGHT YOUR NEXT STEP BE, NEXT TERM?

Looking ahead, we would love to encourage everyone to think about taking a next step in church life. That next step will look different for each of us, because we are all at different stages. Whether you are exploring the Christian faith, wanting to feel more connected in church life, or hoping to grow in confidence as you follow Jesus, we hope there is something here for you.

- **Exploring?** If you are asking questions about the Christian faith, or would simply value a relaxed space to think and talk, why not try *Life Explored*? Starting on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm, this course offers an opportunity to explore life's big questions in a warm and welcoming setting. Through video and discussion, it helps us reflect on what we are really living for and how our deepest longings are ultimately met in Jesus Christ.
- **Engaging?** If you are looking to feel more at home in church life and grow alongside others, one of our Bible Study Groups would be a wonderful next step. These groups are a great way to build friendships, encourage one another, and deepen our understanding of God's word together. For some, *Life Explored* may also be a helpful place to begin, especially if you are still thinking through some of the foundations of the Christian faith.
- **Equipping?** If you are hoping to be better equipped for living for Jesus and serving his people, we are offering modules from the Crosslands Training Course: *Reading & Understanding the Bible* and *Bible Overview*, both of which are designed to help us grow in confidence in reading Scripture and to see more clearly how the whole Bible fits together. The course is based around Thursday evenings, but is very flexible, so we would not necessarily meet every week. There is a financial cost, but the church would be very glad to cover this for church members who would like to study in this way.

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the Church Office or speak to the Vicar.

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## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The latest newsletter from the Bishop of Ebbsfleet is now available at the back of church ([available online here](#)).
  - Mark and Lizzie Wallace will be on annual leave after Easter (Monday to Friday, inclusive). In case of pastoral emergency, the Vicar is usually still available via 07772 615378. Please be aware that most Small Groups are also taking a break this week.
  - Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 13th April. Join us "in-person" at noon, or [online via Zoom](#) at 8:00pm.
  - The Church Library has recently been refreshed. Do take a look, and see if you would like to borrow something to read in the days after Easter – all free of charge...
  - The latest letter from Richard, our sponsored child in Brazil, is [available to view online](#), or on request from the Office. If you would like to write a letter or card to either Richard or Mary (in the Philippines), Lizzie in the Office would be happy to assist.
  - Two excellent Faith in Kids training events are coming up in the summer: EQUIP on Tuesday 19th May (7:30pm) is for all those involved in helping or leading in *St Peter's Kids*, and ENERGISE on Tuesday 16th June (7:30pm) is for the Tiny Tots team. Both are a great opportunity to be encouraged, equipped, and refreshed! Please get the dates in your diary now.
  - 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. Please also consider Gift Aid, which increases your gift at no extra cost to you.
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## THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS & ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Monday 18th May. In preparation for this, the Electoral Roll is now being revised. Under the Church Representation Rules, the revised roll must be completed before the APCM, and once it has been published no further names can be added until after the meeting. If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll and would like to be included, **please return your application form to the Church Office by Thursday 30th April**. The revised Electoral Roll will be published on Sunday 3rd May.

Joining the Electoral Roll is a simple but important way of saying: "*This is my church.*" It allows you to take part in the APCM and vote in elections there, and it is one of the ways we share responsibility for the life and future of our parish. Being on the roll is not about membership in a club, but about belonging, commitment, and encouragement as we serve Christ together.

If this is your church home and you are not yet on the roll, we warmly encourage you to consider applying. Forms are available in church and from the Church Office.