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## COMING UP THIS WEEK...

### Sunday 19th April

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

### Tuesday 21st April

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

### Wednesday 22nd April

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

### Thursday 23rd April

10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)

### Saturday 25th April

9:30am Working Party (church & churchyard)

### Sunday 26th 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

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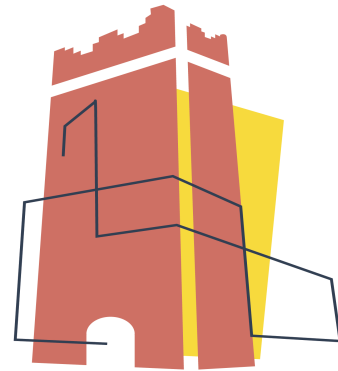
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## St Peter's Update

Sunday 19th April 2026

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### A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

One of the happy features of church life is that there are all sorts of quiet, practical ways in which we can serve one another and care for the building and grounds that the Lord has entrusted to us. Our next working party will be this coming Saturday (25th April), and I would warmly encourage you to consider coming along if you are able.

There will be a range of jobs to do inside the church – dusting, vacuuming, cleaning windows, polishing brass, tidying up, and sorting things out – and, if the weather is kind to us, there will also be some jobs in the churchyard. None of this is especially glamorous, but all of it is valuable, and it is a very tangible way of contributing to the life of St Peter's.

We meet from 9:30am, for a couple of hours, or indeed for as much time as people are able to offer. There is usually a very cheerful spirit to the morning, together with coffee and refreshments, and it is often a thoroughly enjoyable way of spending time together while getting useful things done.

So do please consider joining us. You can simply turn up on the morning, but if you register via ChurchSuite we will be able to keep you informed of any last-minute plans or changes.

With best wishes,



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## **“HELPING EVERY CHILD’S MENTAL WELLBEING” – Wednesday 6th May (8pm)**

Please keep the date for a free *Faith in Kids* webinar on Wednesday 6th May at 8:00pm: *Helping Every Child’s Mental Wellbeing*. As many of us seek to care wisely and prayerfully for the children God has entrusted to us, this looks to be a very helpful opportunity. The evening will offer practical encouragement for parents, grandparents, and all involved in SPK – and will also launch a new Faith in Kids resource, *Looking to God: Mental Wellbeing in the Psalms*. Do consider joining if this is an area in which you would value help and encouragement. More information and registration [available online](#) (or from the Office).

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## **GIVING TOWARDS ‘CONTAGIOUS’ BURSARIES**

Each year, a number of our young people go to Contagious, with some of our church leaders going too in order to serve and support them. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to enjoy friendship and fun, hear excellent Bible teaching, and be encouraged to live wholeheartedly for Christ. Weeks like these can be of real and lasting spiritual value, giving space for young people to listen carefully to God’s word, deepen Christian friendships, ask important questions, and grow in confidence in the Lord Jesus. We are very thankful for the opportunity Contagious provides, and we would love as many as possible from St Peter’s to be able to go.

For that reason, St Peter’s aims to offer bursaries to help with the cost of attending. These church bursaries supplement a similar bursary scheme offered by Contagious itself. If you are in a position to support this church bursary scheme, donations can be made online (reference: *Contagious*) or via the card reader. Please do pray for all those who will be attending this summer, both young people and leaders, and please consider giving if you are able. If you would like to know more about Contagious, please talk to Lizzie Wallace (07947 136 048). Thank you very much for any support you may be able to offer.

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## **NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...**

- It’s not too late to sign up for *Life Explored*, which starts this Tuesday evening! You can register [online](#), or via the Office.
  - Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 27th April. Join us “in-person” at noon, or [online via Zoom](#) at 8:00pm.
  - The latest newsletter from the Bishop of Ebbsfleet is now available at the back of church ([available online here](#)).
  - The Church Library has recently been refreshed. Do take a look – all borrowing is 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.
  - 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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## **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS – Monday 18th May (7:30pm)**

Please note that our Annual Church Meetings will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 18th May. As well as receiving the Annual Report and Accounts for 2025, we will be electing a number of key positions, and nominations are warmly invited.

- We will be electing two Churchwardens to serve for the next 12 months. Churchwardens play a vital role in the life of the church, supporting the vicar, caring for the practical and corporate life of the parish, and helping to ensure that all is done decently and in good order.
- We will also be electing two Deanery Synod representatives to serve for the next three years. Deanery Synod is one of the ways in which parishes work together more widely across the deanery, and representatives help ensure that St Peter’s has a voice in those conversations.
- We expect to have three vacancies for elected members of the PCC. The PCC shares with the clergy in promoting the mission of the church and has an important responsibility for the governance, ministry, and practical life of the parish.

Nomination forms for all these roles are available at the back of church or directly from the Church Office. Please speak to Mick Kavanagh, PCC Secretary, or to the Vicar if you have any questions.

In the meantime, the Electoral Roll is now being revised in preparation for the APCM. If this is your home church and you are not yet on the Electoral Roll, please return an application form to the Church Office by Thursday 30th April. Forms are available at the back of church and from the Church Office.