
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 3rd May

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

Tuesday 5th May

7:00pm Life Explored (vicarage)
7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 6th May

11:00am Freda Gunton Lodge Communion Service

7:45pm *Faith in Kids* webinar (hall)

Thursday 7th May

10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)
7:30pm Crosslands seminar (vicarage)

Sunday 10th May

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

Sunday 3rd May 2026



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A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we begin a new sermon series on the theme of guidance, looking at 1 Corinthians 8–10.

Many of us long for God's guidance, especially when life is not straightforward. We may wish for a simple rule, a clear sign, or immediate certainty. But in these chapters Paul gives us something wonderfully practical: a way of thinking wisely, lovingly, and faithfully when Christians face decisions where the answer is not always obvious.

The next four weeks will take us through Christian freedom, concern for conscience, gospel purpose, spiritual danger, and the call to live all of life for God's glory – and this Sunday we begin with 1 Corinthians 8, where Paul teaches that love must govern liberty. Christian freedom is real, but it is never merely about what I am allowed to do. It is about how my life affects others, and how it honours Christ.

I hope this series will be both clarifying and encouraging as we learn together to follow Jesus in the ordinary choices of daily life.

With best wishes,

Mark

“HELPING EVERY CHILD’S MENTAL WELLBEING” – Wednesday 6th May, 8pm

Thank you to those who responded about the *Faith in Kids* webinar, “Helping Every Child’s Mental Wellbeing”, taking place this Wednesday (6th May) at 8pm. For those who would like to watch together, we will be hosting the webinar in the Church Hall. Coffee will be served from 7:45pm, and we will be ready to begin promptly at 8:00pm. There will also be an opportunity to reflect together afterwards on what we have heard.

Those who would prefer to join from home are very welcome to do so, but please register directly with *Faith in Kids* in advance.

This should be a helpful and encouraging evening for parents, grandparents, godparents, and all involved in St Peter’s Kids, as we think about how to care wisely and prayerfully for the children God has entrusted to us.

A ‘THANK YOU’ FROM THE FROUDE FAMILY

Gabs and her family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone at St Peter’s for your diligent prayers, care, and encouragement over these last few months. They have deeply appreciated the support of the church family, and your prayers have helped carry them through this difficult time.

THANK YOU – AND ONE MORE TECH TEAM REQUEST

Thank you very much to those who responded to the recent appeal for help with the Tech Team. We are very grateful for the offers of support, which will make a real difference to the smooth running of our Sunday services. We would still be glad to hear from one or two more people who might be willing to take some responsibility or leadership within the team. If you think you may be able to help, or would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to Mark.

FREE BOOKS FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

We have a number of surplus books from the church library which are available to take away for free. Do have a browse and help yourself to anything that would be useful to you, or that you might like to pass on to someone else. Two titles you may particularly like to look out for are:

Every One a Winner – A collection of 17 true stories from men and women in sport, including local players, professionals, and Olympians, whose lives were changed through an encounter with the Lord Jesus. An easy, accessible read; suitable for all ages.

Real Lives – Fourteen short stories of real people whose lives were in a mess, but were turned around through hearing the gospel and coming to faith in Jesus Christ. A challenging and encouraging read.

There will be other books available too, so please do take a look. We hope these books will be enjoyed, shared, and used to encourage faith in Christ.

EBBSFLEET REGIONAL CONFERENCES 2026

The Ebbsfleet Regional Conferences are a valuable opportunity for lay and ordained leaders to connect with Bishop Rob and the wider Ebbsfleet Network, especially where a visit has not been possible this year. This year’s conferences will include more time for interaction and feedback on the important question: how do we disciple this generation? There will also be contributions from Church Society, Crosslinks, Ebbsfleet Advisors, and the Latimer Trust.

The conferences run from 10am to 4pm, with refreshments from 10am and a free lunch for those who book in time. Although each event is aimed at a particular region, anyone may attend whichever date works best. The nearest options for us are Tuesday 2nd June (in London) and Monday 22nd June (in Cambridge). Do consider making this a priority – it promises to be a thought-provoking and encouraging day for those seeking to serve faithfully in gospel ministry.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The recent ‘tidy-up’ in church uncovered several umbrellas! If one might be yours, please take a look at the back of church...
- St Peter’s is looking for 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.