
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 17th May

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

Monday 18th May

12 noon Church Prayer Meeting (church)
7:30pm Annual Church Meetings (church)

Tuesday 19th May

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

Wednesday 20th May

1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

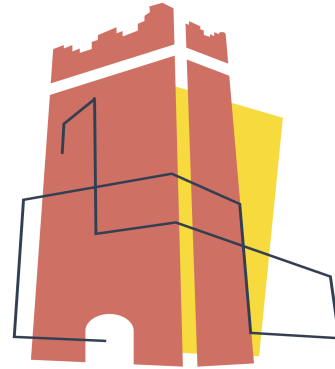
Thursday 21st May

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

Sunday 24th May – Pentecost Sunday

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 17th May 2026



St Peter's

COLCHESTER

NAMES & CONTACT DETAILS

Mark Wallace – Vicar of St Peter's

07772 615 378 | mark.wallace@stpeterscolchester.org

Lizzie Wallace – Church Administrator

07947 136 048 | office@stpeterscolchester.org

Clare Reid – Parish Safeguarding Officer

07946 071 246 | safeguarding@stpeterscolchester.org

Amanda Knight – Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

01245294457 | safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org

Churchwardens and other office-holders at St Peter's may be contacted via the Office (office@stpeterscolchester.org).

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Our Annual Church Meetings will take place in church this Monday (18th May) at 7:30pm. This is an important opportunity to give thanks for the past year, look ahead together, and pray for the Lord's blessing on our shared life and ministry. I do hope you will be able to join us.

The Annual Report and Accounts have now been emailed out, and paper copies are available from the Office on request. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting.

Nominations remain open for Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, PCC members, PCC Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Lead Safeguarding Recruiter, and Electoral Roll Officer. Some roles require membership of the Electoral Roll and a nomination form. It would be a great help if forms could be completed by 3pm on Sunday.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions about the roles or the nomination process.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

COULD YOU HELP FROM TIME TO TIME?

From time to time, the Church Office becomes aware of people in our church family who could use a little practical help for a short season – perhaps a lift to or from church, help with shopping, or support with other simple chores. We would love to hear from anyone who might be willing to offer occasional help in this way. Please contact Lizzie in the Office (details overleaf), and let us know the sorts of things you might be able to help with, and when. We will then do our best to match offers of help with particular needs in an appropriate and sensitive way.

“FIRST SUNDAY” SUMMER PICNICS – starting Sunday 7th June

Mark & Lizzie Wallace write: This summer, starting on Sunday 7th June, we’re hoping to enjoy some relaxed “First Sunday” Summer Picnics in the Vicarage Garden after the Morning Service, on the first Sunday of each month. Bring your own lunch and come over to eat together, chat, and enjoy time with the church family. We’ll provide water, squash, tea and coffee. We do have some chairs available, but please bring your own chair or picnic rug if you’re able to. Come as you are, bring your lunch, and stay for as long as suits you. Everyone is very welcome. Planned future dates include 5th July, 2nd August, and 6th September.

SENIORS’ AFTERNOON TEA – Monday 29th June

We are hoping to hold a special Seniors’ Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage on Monday 29th June, from 2.30-4.30pm, to coincide with our Patronal Festival of St Peter. This will be a relaxed afternoon with tea, cake, conversation, and time to enjoy one another’s company. Invitations will follow shortly. To help us plan well, please RSVP when you receive your invitation to let us know whether you are able to come. We would be delighted to see you there – so save the date now!

LOOKING AHEAD: ORDAINED MINISTRY AT ST PETER’S

In the next couple of weeks, members of the St Peter’s church family will receive a letter from the Churchwardens about the future funding of ordained ministry at St Peter’s. At present, the cost of our Vicar’s ministry is shared between the Diocese and St Peter’s PCC, and the forthcoming letter will explain why we now need to look ahead prayerfully and responsibly at the PCC’s share of that funding. We remain deeply thankful for the generous support that has enabled this ministry to continue over recent years. There will be more detail in the letter when it comes, but for now we simply wanted to make the church family aware that it is on the way, and to ask you to begin praying for wisdom, generosity, and confidence in the Lord’s provision.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the recent ‘Contagious’ Appeal. £335 was raised, which will allow us to support young people from St Peter’s going to Contagious this summer. Thank you to all who gave so generously.
 - Please note that the ‘in-person’ Prayer Meeting on Monday 18th May will be in church (not at the Vicarage), and that there will be no evening Prayer Meeting that day due to the Annual Church Meetings.
 - We’re updating our first aid cover for church services and events. If you hold a current first aid qualification, or would be interested in first aid training, please speak to Lizzie Wallace (details overleaf).
 - 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.
 - 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.
-

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ST PETER’S KIDS THIS SUNDAY?

Thank you to all our wonderful *St Peter’s Kids* leaders and helpers! Here’s what’s going on in SPK this Sunday...

- Spark (in the Vestry) are continuing their ‘*Bible Overview*’ series, looking this week at ‘*Entering the Promised Land*’;
- Diggers and Seekers (in the Hall) continue their new series entitled ‘*Jesus on Mission*’ looking today at prayer;
- Bible Tots (in the Church Lounge) will be learning about Jesus being the friend of little children!

Do please pray for all our children and young people, and for all those leading, teaching and caring for them.