
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 31st 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)

Monday 1st June

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

Tuesday 2nd June

7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 3rd June

11:00am Freda Gunton Lodge Communion Service
1:30pm Cranmere Court Group

Thursday 4th June

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

Saturday 6th June

9:30am Diocesan Synod (cathedral)

Sunday 7th June

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)
10:15am SPK Registration (hall)
10:30am Communion Service (church)
12:15pm 'First Sunday' Picnic Lunch (vicarage)

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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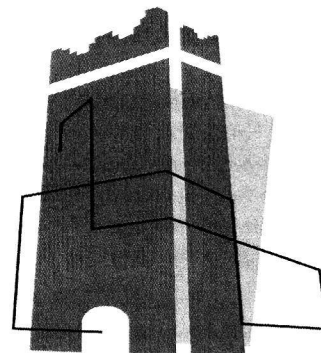
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 31st May 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, when we give particular thanks that the one true and living God has made himself known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

That may sound like a rather abstract doctrine, but it is right at the heart of the gospel. The Father so loved the world that he sent his Son. The Son gave himself for us, dying and rising to bring us forgiveness and life. The Holy Spirit opens our eyes, brings us to faith, and assures us that we are God's children. In other words, we do not celebrate the Trinity as a puzzle to be solved, but as the glorious truth of the God who saves.

That will be reflected in our singing on Sunday morning, as we praise the Father, rejoice in the Son, and depend on the work of the Holy Spirit.

My prayer is that, as we sing and hear God's word together, we will be drawn again to wonder, worship, and confidence in the God who has revealed himself to us in the gospel.

With best wishes,

NEW ROTAS NOW ON CHURCHSUITE

The new rotas are now available on *MyChurchSuite*. The easiest way to see them is through the ChurchSuite app on your phone. Once you are logged in, you will be able to see when you are serving and, where relevant, let the Office know of future unavailability. To set this up: (1) Open the App Store on an iPhone or iPad, or Google Play on an Android phone or tablet. (2) Search for *ChurchSuite*, download the app, and open it. (3) Choose *MyChurchSuite* when asked which system you want to use, then search for *St Peter's Colchester* and select our church. (4) You can then log in using the email address registered with the church and your *MyChurchSuite* password.

If you have not yet received an invitation to *MyChurchSuite*, or if you cannot remember your password, please email the Church Office. We can send you an invitation or password reset link very quickly, and it should only take a few minutes to get set up.

FUNDING FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY AT ST PETER'S

Earlier this week, members of the St Peter's church family should have received a letter from the Churchwardens about the Ministry Support Fund. This is the fund which enables St Peter's to support the ongoing ministry of a vicar, including the ministry of Word and prayer, pastoral care, discipleship, evangelism, leadership, and the wider oversight of church life. The current funding is due to run out during 2027, so the PCC is asking the church family to consider whether they may be able to give, or pledge to give, towards this need for the next stage of church life. It would be very helpful to have a clearer sense by 30th June of what support may be possible for the next three years.

A response form was included with the letter. Please complete and return this either to one of the Churchwardens, John Hartwell or David Whittington, or to Richard, our Interim Finance Lead. Blank copies of both the letter and the response form are available at the back of church for anyone who may not have received one.

The Churchwardens will say a little more about this in church on Sunday morning. In the meantime, please do read the letter carefully and prayerfully, and speak to John, David, or Richard if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP NOTES

The notes for our Bible Study Groups are now available on the church website, together with short summaries of recent sermons. These can be found on [the Sermons page of the website](#). This should be a helpful way to catch up if you have missed a Sunday, revisit something from the sermon, or prepare for your Bible study group during the week.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 1st June: the 'in-person' Prayer Meeting at 12 noon will be in church (not at the Vicarage), and the evening Prayer Meeting will be online via Zoom at 8pm; both meetings last about 30 minutes.
 - Our "First Sunday" Summer Picnics begin on Sunday 7th June, after the Morning Service in the Vicarage Garden. Bring your own lunch, and a chair or picnic rug if you can. Future dates: 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September. Weather permitting!
 - We are planning a Seniors' Afternoon Tea for Monday 29th June, from 2.30pm until 4.30pm, in the Vicarage Garden, to mark our Patronal Festival. Invitations will follow shortly, but please save the date.
 - We would like to gather a small team to help Lizzie with fundraising plans and events – from larger events such as the Christmas Concert and Ceilidh to smaller, low-key occasions. No particular skills are required, just enthusiasm. If you would like to be involved, Lizzie would love to hear from you.
 - We are hosting a full-day First Aid course on Saturday 27th June and there are four spaces remaining. The course costs £65 and the qualification is valid for three years. Please contact Lizzie (contact details overleaf) if you would like to join. Financial help may be available if cost would be a barrier.
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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 '*the call for a king*';
- Diggers and Seekers (in the Hall) continue their series entitled '*Jesus on Mission*' looking today at 'going' for Jesus;
- Bible Tots (in the Church Lounge) will be looking at the story of the Prodigal Son!

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