
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

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)

Monday 8th June

- 7:30pm Standing Committee (vicarage)

Tuesday 9th June

- 7:45pm Drury Road Group
- 8:00pm Jericho Road Group

Wednesday 10th June

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

Thursday 11th June

- 10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)
- 7:30pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service (st stephen's)
- 7:30pm Crosslands Training Group (vicarage)

Sunday 14th June

- 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.



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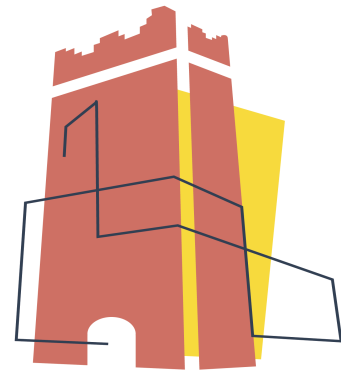
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 7th June 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

We live at a time when many people feel angry, anxious, and unsettled about the direction of our society. Some of that concern is understandable. Christians should care deeply about truth, justice, freedom, and the protection of the vulnerable.

At the same time, we have the great privilege of walking in a different way – the way of Christ. In a world that often prizes outrage, contempt, and suspicion, the Lord calls his people to something better: prayerful courage, truthful speech, patient hope, and genuine love.

The Lord Jesus was never weak, but he was always holy. He spoke the truth, entrusted himself to his Father, showed compassion to the lost, and went to the cross for his enemies. As his people, our witness is not only in what we stand for, but in how we stand for it.

So in a noisy and angry world, let us keep going in the way of Christ: prayerful, truthful, courageous, and gentle – holding firmly to the gospel, and seeking to commend Christ in our words, conduct, and convictions.

With best wishes,



FUNDING FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY AT ST PETER'S

Thank you to all who have already read and responded to the recent letter from the Churchwardens about the Ministry Support Fund. Please do continue to consider this carefully and prayerfully. It would be very helpful for the PCC to have responses by 30th June, so that we can have a clearer sense of what support may be possible for the next three years. Response forms can be returned to John Hartwell or David Whittington (our Churchwardens), or to Richard Lawn (our Interim Finance Lead).

Blank copies of the letter and response form are available at the back of church for anyone who still needs one. If you have any questions, please do speak to John, David, or Richard.

"COFFEE & CHAT"

Each Wednesday, a number of people from St Peter's meet for coffee and conversation at the Mercury Theatre café. This is an informal weekly gathering, and all are very welcome to come along. The group meets from 10.15am until 11.45am. There is always plenty to talk about, and it would be lovely to see more people joining in. Please speak to Di King or Derek Drew if you would like any more information.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION SERVICE

This Thursday evening (11th June), John Hartwell and David Whittington will be attending the Archdeacon's Visitation Service for Colchester Deanery at St Stephen's, Colchester. This is the service at which elected Churchwardens are formally admitted to office. It is also an opportunity to give thanks for all that is happening across the churches of the deanery, and to pray for those who serve as Churchwardens. Please do pray for John and David as they take up this responsibility, and for the Lord to strengthen and equip them as they serve the church family at St Peter's.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- We are very sorry to share that Dave Lacy died on Friday 29th May. Please do pray for Trudi, and for all who knew and loved Dave, that they may know the Lord's comfort and peace at this time.
 - Our "First Sunday" Summer Picnics begin this Sunday (7th June) – weather permitting! – 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.
 - 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.
 - Could you help occasionally? The Church Office is gathering names of people willing to offer practical help from time to time – lifts, shopping, or simple chores. Please contact Lizzie with what you may be able to offer.
 - 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.
 - Please save the date for a Church & Churchyard Working Party on Saturday 27th June, from 9.30am. More details will follow, but there will be plenty to do inside and outside as we care for the church and grounds together.
 - We are hosting a full-day First Aid course on Saturday 27th June and there are three 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.
 - 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.
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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 '*David, God's King*';
- Diggers and Seekers (in the Hall) are starting a new series in the letter to the Philippians, looking at prayer;
- Bible Tots (in the Church Lounge) will be looking at Mary anointing Jesus' feet with her tears and perfume!

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