
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

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)

Monday 15th June

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

Tuesday 16th June

7:45pm Drury Road Group

Wednesday 17th June

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

Thursday 18th June

10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)
7:45pm Deanery Synod (st james', east hill)

Sunday 21st June

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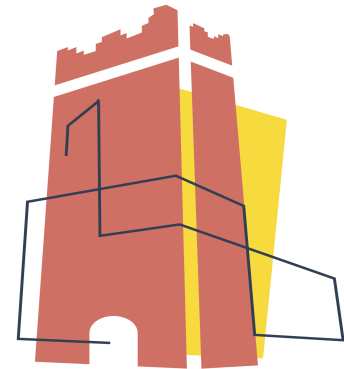
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 14th June 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

On Thursday evening, John Hartwell and David Whittington attended the Archdeacon's Visitation Service at St Stephen's, where they were formally admitted to office as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Churchwardens have a valuable and important role in the life of the parish. They help support the ministry and mission of the church, encourage the good ordering of church life, and serve the congregation in many practical and prayerful ways. Much of what they do is unseen, but it is a significant act of service to the Lord and to his people.

Please do pray for John and David as they take up this responsibility: that the Lord would give them wisdom, patience, courage, and joy in serving. I am personally very grateful for their willingness to serve in this way, and I know they will value the prayers and encouragement of the whole church family.

I also want to record my thanks to Trevor Froude for his faithful service as Churchwarden over recent years. We are very grateful for all he has given to St Peter's in that role.

With best wishes,

COULD YOU HELP US WELCOME AND CARE FOR PEOPLE WELL?

Over the coming months we will be looking at how we can strengthen our stewarding and welcome arrangements at Sunday services and larger events. This is partly about good practical care – helping people find their way, responding calmly if there is a difficulty, and making sure we are well prepared in the event of an emergency.

We hope to offer some simple training later in the year, and would love to hear from anyone who might be willing to help, or who has relevant experience or suggestions. This is one small but important way of helping St Peter's remain a safe, welcoming, and well-ordered place for the church family and for visitors.

FUNDING FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY AT ST PETER'S

Thank you to those who have already returned response forms following the recent letter from the Churchwardens about the Ministry Support Fund. The responses received so far have been very encouraging, and we are grateful for the prayerful thought people are giving to this. Please do remember that 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.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 15th 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.
 - The Prayer Pointers for June are available at the back of church; do pick up a copy, and use it to help you pray this month!
 - Coffee & Chat: A group from St Peter's meets each Wednesday at the Mercury Theatre café from 10.15-11.45am for coffee and conversation. All are very welcome. Please speak to Di King or Derek Drew if you would like to know more.
 - The next meeting of the Colchester Deanery Synod takes place on Wednesday 17th June at St James the Great on East Hill. Deanery Synod brings together representatives from local churches to pray, discuss, and share in the wider life and mission of the Church of England in this area. Please pray for Duncan Breckels and Michael Matthew, our Deanery Synod representatives, as they attend on behalf of St Peter's.
 - 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 planning a Seniors' Afternoon Tea for Monday 29th June, from 2.30pm until 4.30pm, in the Vicarage Garden, to mark our Patronal Festival.
 - 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.
 - The new rotas are now available on *My ChurchSuite*. The easiest way to see them is through the ChurchSuite app on your phone. Search for ChurchSuite in the App Store or Google Play, choose *My ChurchSuite*, search for St Peter's Colchester, and log in using the email address registered with the church. If you need an invitation or password reset link, please email the Church Office and we can help you get set up very quickly.
 - Don't forget that short sermon summaries and Bible Study Group notes are available on [the Sermons page](#) of the website. These are there to help us keep listening to God's word through the week, whether catching up, revisiting a passage, or preparing for Bible Study Group.
 - Our first summer picnic was defeated by the weather last Sunday, but we hope to try again soon. The next planned 'First Sunday Picnic' is after the Morning Service on Sunday 5th July, in the Vicarage Garden, weather permitting. Bring your own lunch, and a chair or picnic rug if you can.
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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 '*King Solomon*';
- Diggers and Seekers (in the Hall) continue their new series in the letter to the Philippians, looking at rejoicing;
- Bible Tots (in the Church Lounge) will be looking at Jesus washing his disciples' feet!

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