
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 5th July

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

Monday 6th July

7:30pm PCC (hall)

Tuesday 7th July

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

Wednesday 8th July

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

Thursday 9th July

7:30pm Crosslands Group (vicarage)

Friday 10th July

General Synod starts

Sunday 12th July

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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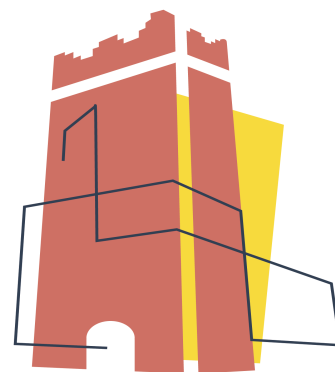
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 5th July 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This coming week I will be heading to York for the July meeting of the General Synod, which runs from Friday 10th until Tuesday 14th July. It is the final meeting of the current Synod before elections later this year.

As well as the regular business of Synod, there will be a number of matters with real significance for the life of the Church of England, including questions around governance, safeguarding, and the wider direction of the Church. Some of these issues will be felt particularly keenly in our own Diocese of Chelmsford, as well as across the national Church.

Please do pray for all those taking part: for wisdom, courage, patience, clarity, and charity. Please pray especially that those who love the Lord Jesus and trust the Scriptures would speak and act faithfully, without fear or bitterness, and that in all things Christ would be honoured.

I leave for Synod early on Friday morning, and will then be taking some annual leave immediately afterwards, returning on Sunday 26th July.

With best wishes,



FIRST SUNDAY PICNIC – this Sunday lunchtime

Our first attempt at a summer picnic in June was defeated by the weather, but this Sunday is looking much more promising! We are therefore planning to gather after the Morning Service for our First Sunday Picnic in the Vicarage Garden.

Please bring your own lunch, and a chair or picnic rug if you can. There is no programme and no need to sign up – just an opportunity to stay, chat, enjoy time together, and make the most of the garden.

All are very welcome, whether you are new to St Peter's or have been here for years. Weather permitting, we hope this will be the first of several relaxed summer opportunities to spend time together as a church family.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS OVER THE SUMMER

During July and August, we will focus our Church Prayer Meetings on the 12 noon in-person meetings in church. Please do make these a priority if you are able to come. Prayer remains central to the life and ministry of St Peter's, and these gatherings are an important way for us to seek the Lord together.

The evening online Prayer Meeting at 8pm will pause for July and August, in line with our aim of keeping evenings clearer over the summer and giving people a proper break. The lunchtime Prayer Meetings will be in church on 13th July, 27th July, 10th August, and 24th August – all at 12 noon, for about half-an-hour.

ST PETER'S KIDS OVER THE SUMMER

From Sunday 12th July, our St Peter's Kids arrangements will look slightly different for the summer.

For the younger groups who usually meet in the Hall, things will feel very familiar. Please continue to head to the Hall for registration at 10:15am as usual. The children will still be cared for and taught there, but the programme will be a little simpler over the summer weeks. This is to help take some pressure off our wonderfully committed leaders and helpers, and to make sure they are able to have something of a summer break too.

Spark will continue as normal until Sunday 12th July. From 19th July, our Spark-age young people will remain in church for the service. This is a good opportunity for them to share more fully in the worship of the whole church family over the summer.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The PCC meets in the Church Hall this Monday (6th July) at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting, and the minutes from the last meeting in May, are available on request from the PCC Secretary, Mick Kavanagh.
 - Don't forget that short sermon summaries and Bible Study Group notes are available on [the Sermons page](#) of the website. Printed copies of the Bible Study Group notes are also available at the back of church. Please note that most Small Groups will be taking a break over the summer, from 12th July until the end of August.
 - Please be aware that the 9am BCP Communion services will pause during July and August, and resume in September.
 - While Mark is away on 12th and 19th July, Duncan Breckels will be leading and preaching at the 10.30am services. We will be continuing in Acts 13, following the spread of the gospel as the risen Lord Jesus sends his word to the nations.
 - Tiny Tots has now finished for the summer and, God willing, will return in September. Please do pray for this important ministry to local families. We also need more team members for the autumn, so please speak to Lizzie Wallace if you might be interested in helping and would like to know more about what is involved.
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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 series in Psalm 139, looking this week at '*God is with me*';
- Diggers and Seekers (meeting in the Hall) continue their series in Philippians, thinking about '*Peace and Contentment*';
- Bible Tots (in the Church Lounge) will be looking at the story of the crucifixion ('the sun stops shining').

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