
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 12th July

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

Monday 13th July

12 noon Church Prayer Meeting (church)

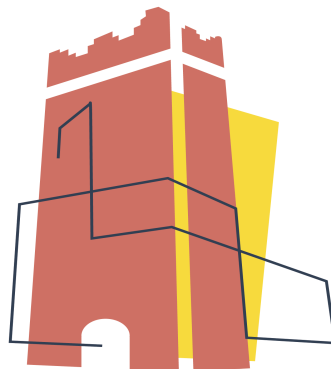
Wednesday 15th July

10:15am Coffee & Chat (mercury cafe)

Sunday 19th 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.*



St Peter's Update

Sunday 12th July 2026



St Peter's

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contacted via the Office (office@stpeterscolchester.org).*

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

I want to begin by saying a very sincere thank you to everyone who responded to the recent letter from the Churchwardens about the Ministry Support Fund.

The response has been deeply encouraging. We have now reached (and surpassed) the target needed to secure the foreseeable future of ordained ministry at St Peter's, and that is a very significant answer to prayer.

This is not simply about funding a post. It is about supporting the ministry of Word and prayer, pastoral care, discipleship, evangelism, leadership, and the wider oversight of church life. I am very grateful for the generosity, prayerfulness, and partnership in the gospel shown by so many across the church family.

So, thank you – and please do continue to pray that the Lord would use this provision for the strengthening of his church and the making known of his gospel.

With best wishes,

UPDATED SAFEGUARDING POLICY – and implications for food and drink in SPK...

The PCC has adopted a revised Safeguarding Policy, which is now [available on the church website](#).

One practical implication is that we will need to be much more careful about food and drink in St Peter's Kids. This is because we need to take proper account of allergies, intolerances, dietary restrictions, and parental consent before giving food to children in our care. We are therefore asking parents, SPK leaders, and helpers for their understanding as we tighten up our arrangements. We know this may take a little getting used to, but it is an important part of caring well for all the children entrusted to us and making sure SPK remains a safe and welcoming place for every child.

ST PETER'S KIDS OVER THE SUMMER

From this Sunday, 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 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 this Sunday. From Sunday 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.

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.

STAFF ANNUAL LEAVE & CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

Mark will be away on annual leave after General Synod, and Lizzie will also be on annual leave from Tuesday 14th July. The Church Office will not reopen until Monday 27th July. During this period, please continue to send any enquiries to the Church Office mobile: **07947 136048**. While Lizzie is away from her desk, the Church Office phone will be monitored by a member of the church leadership team. Anything urgent will be picked up and dealt with as appropriate. Non-urgent matters may need to wait until Mark and Lizzie return.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- Please note that the 9am BCP Communion services will pause during July and August, and resume in September.
 - While Mark is away, Duncan Breckels will be leading and preaching at the 10.30am services on 12th and 19th July. We will be continuing in Acts 13, following the spread of the gospel as the risen Lord Jesus sends his word to the nations.
 - Our Small Groups will pause for the rest of July and throughout August. For exact arrangements, please speak to your Small Group leader. If you would be interested in joining a Small Group when they restart in September, please contact the Church Office on 07947 136048, or use the Connect form.
 - 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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ADVANCE NOTICE: "RIDE & STRIDE"

St Peter's will be taking part in Ride and Stride on Saturday 12th September. This is a great opportunity to visit local churches, raise money for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust, and support St Peter's too. More details will follow, but please do put the date in your diary.