
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 16th August

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

Wednesday 19th August

10:15am Coffee & Chat (mercury cafe)

Saturday 22nd August

Contagious begins (until Friday 28th)

Sunday 23rd August

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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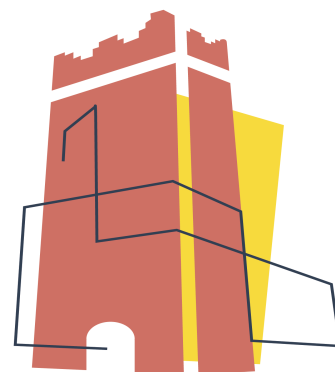
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 16th August 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

As we look ahead to September, I want to let you know that there are likely to be some changes to the way that *St Peter's Kids* works on Sunday mornings.

For some time now, we have been saying that we need more leaders and helpers if we are to keep running our children's groups in the same way. Over recent months, a number of people have moved away, stepped back, or reached the point where they need a break. That is completely understandable, and we are very thankful for all that has been given over many years. But it does mean that we need to think carefully and realistically about what we can sustain.

Our aim is not simply to reduce what we do. We want to provide something that is good for the children, manageable for leaders, workable for families, and healthy for the whole church. That may mean a simpler pattern, or some changes to age groups, timings, or where children are during different parts of the service. We do not yet know exactly what the final arrangements will be, but we are working carefully towards a positive and sustainable way forward.

Please do pray for wisdom, patience, generosity, and clarity as we make these decisions – and above all, pray that the children and young people of St Peter's would continue to be helped to know, trust, and follow the Lord Jesus.

With best wishes,



MIDWEEK DISCIPLESHIP – A NEW AUTUMN PATTERN

This autumn, we are planning to introduce a new Midweek Discipleship programme at St Peter's. This is part of our wider aim to help more people grow as disciples of the Lord Jesus, not only on Sundays, but through the week as well.

The basic idea is simple: choose what you want to learn, choose the pace that fits your life, learn flexibly – but don't do it alone. We hope to offer a small number of recommended courses or modules, with people able to work through material at a manageable pace and then meet with others for discussion, encouragement, prayer, and application.

This is not intended to replace every existing group or pattern of fellowship. Some groups will continue, and there will still be different ways to learn, serve, pray, and belong. But we do hope this will give more people a clear and flexible way to keep growing in faith, especially where weekly evening groups are difficult to sustain.

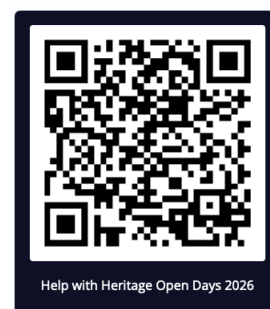
More details will follow soon, including the first modules, possible groups, and how to sign up. For now, please do pray that the Lord would use this to strengthen us in his word, deepen our fellowship, and help us grow together in Christ.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP

In September, we are opening St Peter's as part of the national Heritage Open Days event, over two weekends: Saturday 12th–Sunday 13th September and Saturday 19th–Sunday 20th September. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors, share something of St Peter's, and make our church more visible to the wider community.

We now need people to sign up to help. There will be lots of different ways to be involved: welcoming visitors, serving refreshments, providing cakes, helping with cleaning or decorating, donating plants or home-made crafts, or simply being present to chat with those who come in.

Please sign up using the QR code here, or [via this link](#), or speak to Lizzie in the Church Office on 07947 136 048.

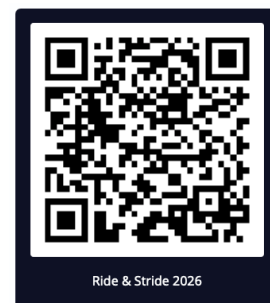


RIDE AND STRIDE – SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Saturday 12th September is also Ride and Stride, raising money for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust and for St Peter's. After last year's success, we would love as many people as possible to take part again this year.

You can take part by walking, cycling, visiting local churches, sponsoring others, helping welcome visitors at St Peter's, or simply encouraging those who are involved. It is a fun and practical way to support local churches and raise money for St Peter's at the same time.

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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The Prayer Pointers for August are now available at the back of church.
- The next set of rotas is expected to run through to the end of December. Please add any known unavailability to My ChurchSuite by Sunday 17th August, or message Lizzie in the Church Office on 07947 136 048. Changes can always be made later if necessary, but it is much easier to plan well if we know dates in advance.
- Please note that the Vicar will be away for part of this coming week, from Thursday 20th until Saturday 22nd August.
- Next weekend, some of our young people will be going to Contagious East, a Bible-centred residential conference for children and young people, running from Saturday 22nd to Friday 28th August at the Royal Hospital School in Holbrook, near Ipswich. The week includes friendship, fun, activities, worship, small-group Bible study, and clear Bible teaching. This year, Contagious will be teaching from Proverbs, helping young people seek "the Way of Wisdom" and see how true wisdom is found in Christ. Please pray that the Lord would use the week to deepen faith, encourage our young people, and help them grow in joyful confidence in Christ.
- Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August. Urgent pastoral matters can be referred directly to the Vicar, but everything else will be dealt with after the Office reopens.