
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 23rd August

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

Monday 24th August

12 noon Church Prayer Meeting (church)

Wednesday 26th August

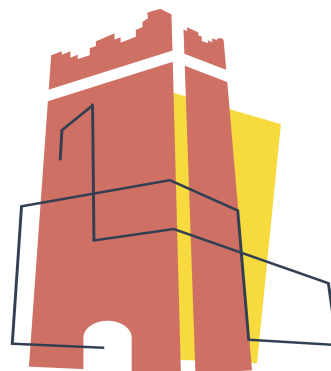
10:15am Coffee & Chat (mercury cafe)

Saturday 29th August

9:30am Working Party (church & churchyard)

Sunday 30th August

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



St Peter's Update

Sunday 23rd August 2026

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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A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

From Sunday 6th September, we will begin a new pattern for *St Peter's Kids* on Sunday mornings.

The main change is that children will spend more of the service in church with the whole congregation, before going out to the Hall for a shorter time of age-appropriate teaching and play. This should help us worship more fully as one church family, while still giving children time to learn, settle, and build friendships in their groups.

We are also planning to teach from the same Bible passage across the whole church family. Earlier in the service there will be a short gospel focus for all of us, with the children still present. Then, after the children have gone out, adults will explore the same passage more fully in the sermon, while the children explore it in their groups.

My hope is that this will help children, adults, and families hear one central gospel message together each Sunday, and talk more naturally about what we are learning from God's word.

Please do pray for the children, families, and leaders of *St Peter's Kids* as we make this change – and pray that it would help the next generation know, trust, and follow the Lord Jesus.

With best wishes,

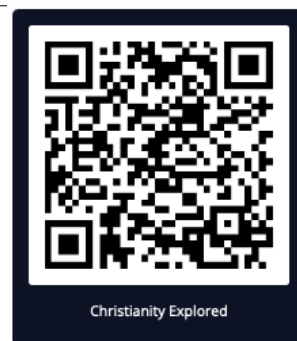
EXPLORE – CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Interested in finding out more about Christianity? Got questions about Jesus?

This autumn we're running Christianity Explored, a relaxed opportunity to look at the Christian faith through Mark's Gospel. You don't need to know anything about the Bible, and you can ask whatever questions you like. There's no pressure to read aloud, pray, or say what you believe.

We're planning to begin on **Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm**, and would love to gather a small group to explore Christianity together. We also know that a regular Tuesday evening won't work for everyone. So if you'd like to explore Christianity but can't make the group, don't let that stop you – we can also arrange informal opportunities at other times of the week, at times that work for you.

Interested? Or know someone who might be? Use the QR code, [click here](#), speak to Mark, or message 07947 136 048.



EQUIP – A NEW WAY TO GROW THIS AUTUMN

This autumn, we are introducing a new, more flexible way to grow as Christians through the week. We're calling it *EQUIP: Growing in knowledge and love of God*. Choose what you want to learn. Choose the pace that fits your life. Learn flexibly – but don't do it alone. This autumn, *EQUIP* will begin with two options:

- **Bible Overview** – see how the whole Bible fits together, trace God's great plan of salvation from creation to new creation, and see more clearly how the Bible points us to Jesus.
- **Christian Discipleship** – explore what it means to follow Jesus in everyday life: growing in confidence, obedience, community, Christlikeness and a life that is distinctive and attractive.

You can choose a pace that works for you: 'fast' means roughly one unit each week, finishing this term, 'steady' gives you longer between units and continues into the new year. You'll do much of the learning at times that suit you, but you won't be doing it alone. There will be regular opportunities to meet online for discussion, questions, encouragement and prayer, as well as three meals together during the term.

Come along to find out more at the *EQUIP* Launch Evening on Wednesday 9th September, at 7.30pm: get a taste of the material, ask questions and see whether *EQUIP* might be for you. Coming along doesn't commit you to joining. *EQUIP* itself will then get underway in the week beginning Monday 21st September.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY – new date: Thursday 3rd September, 6:30pm

The next Church & Churchyard Working Party will now be on Thursday 3rd September, from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. (*This replaces the initially proposed date of Saturday 29th August.*) If you're able to help, please [sign up here](#) or via ChurchSuite. Signing up helps us know how many people to expect and means we can keep those coming informed about plans and any last-minute changes. More details nearer the time.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- 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.
- Some of our young people are at Contagious East this week, a Bible-centred residential conference at the Royal Hospital School in Holbrook, near Ipswich. This year they will be studying Proverbs, learning about "the Way of Wisdom" and how true wisdom is found in Christ. Please pray that the Lord would deepen their faith, encourage them, and help them grow in joyful confidence in Christ.
- A new animated film, David – based on the story of David in 1 Samuel – is being released in the UK this week. It is rated PG and is currently listed locally as showing daily at 12.45pm from Friday 21st August. This may be of interest to families, children, young people, or anyone who would enjoy seeing a biblical story brought to the big screen. Please check local cinema listings before travelling, as times may change.
- This year's Colchester Deanery Day takes place on Saturday 10th October, 9.30am-3.30pm, at St John's Church & Community Centre, CO4 0HP. The theme is Mission, with worship, seminars, visiting speakers, young people's activities, and food. We have been asked to promote the day across the Deanery, and want St Peter's people to know it is happening in case you would like to attend. As with any wider diocesan or deanery event, please exercise your own discernment about which parts of the programme may be most helpful. Details are available at www.colchesterdeanery.org.uk/deaneryday, and there will also be a sign-up sheet in church. Please sign up by Sunday 27th September if you would like to go.