
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 6th September

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)
10:15am SPK Registration (church)
10:30am Morning Service (church)
12:15pm First Sunday Church Picnic (vicarage garden)
8:00pm SPK Team Meeting (online)

Monday 7th September

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

Tuesday 8th September

7:30pm Christianity Explored (vicarage)
8:00pm Jericho Road Group

Wednesday 9th September

10:15am Coffee & Chat (mercury cafe)
1:30pm Cranmere Court Group
7:30pm Equip Launch Evening (vicarage)

Thursday 10th September

10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)
11:30am Thursday Working Lunch (vicarage)

Saturday 12th September

10:00am church open: Heritage Open Days (till 4pm)
'Ride & Stride 2026'

Sunday 13th September

9:00am BCP Communion (church)
9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)
10:15am SPK Registration (church)
10:30am Morning Service (church)
12:15pm church open: Heritage Open Days (till 4pm)
8:00pm SPK Team Meeting (online)

*The full church calendar, with further details of locations etc,
may be viewed online [via the website](#) or via ChurchSuite.*

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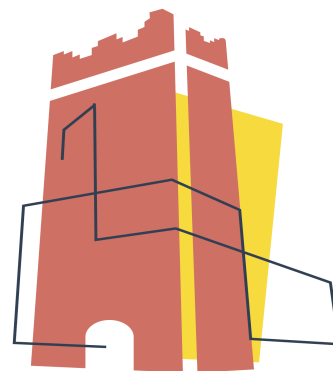
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contacted via the Office (office@stpeterscolchester.org).*



St Peter's Update

Sunday 6th September 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we begin our new autumn pattern for St Peter's Kids. One of the hopes behind the change is that our children will know more deeply that they belong with us as part of the church family.

Children learn not only in their groups, but also by being with the whole congregation: listening, singing, praying, watching, and sharing in the ordinary worship of God's people. They will still go out for age-appropriate teaching and play, but they will now spend more of the service with us first.

We also hope this will help us gather around one Bible passage and one central gospel message each Sunday. That should make it easier for families to talk together about what we are learning from God's word, and help us grow together across the generations.

Please do pray for our children, families, and SPK leaders as this new pattern begins – and pray that the Lord would use it to help the next generation know, trust, and follow Jesus.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark'.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS

Our Church Prayer Meetings continue on Monday 7th September. Please do come and join us – because prayer is not a formality, but the way we seek the Lord's help, strength, and guidance.

- **in-person:** 12.00 noon in church
- **online:** 8.00pm via Zoom (log-in details will be shared on the Church WhatsApp group, or [click here](#))

Future dates are: 21st September, 5th October, 19th October and 2nd November.

EQUIP LAUNCH EVENING – this Wednesday, 7:30pm, at the Vicarage

This Wednesday evening we are launching *EQUIP*, our new midweek discipleship pattern at St Peter's. The aim is simple: choose what you want to learn, choose the pace that fits your life, learn flexibly – but don't do it alone. *EQUIP* is intended to help more of us grow in knowledge and love of God, using good Bible and theology material alongside discussion, encouragement, prayer, and application. It may suit those who cannot manage a weekly evening group, those who want to go a little deeper, or those who would value a clearer structure for learning and discipleship this autumn.

Thank you to those who have already indicated that they are coming. If you would like to join us, you would be very welcome. Please contact the Church Office, or complete the ChurchSuite form, to let us know you plan to attend.

THURSDAY WORKING LUNCH – starts this week

We're starting a new Thursday Working Lunch, from 11.30am-1.30pm, to help us get useful practical jobs done around the church and hall. There will always be a mixture of things to help with – cleaning and tidying, sorting cupboards and resources, preparing materials, folding and photocopying, and other small practical jobs. Come for all or part of the time, bring some lunch, and help with whatever suits you. Tea and coffee will be provided, and we hope it will be a useful and enjoyable way of getting things done together.

RIDE AND STRIDE – Saturday 12th September

Ride and Stride takes place this Saturday (12th Sep), raising money for the *Friends of Essex Churches Trust* and for St Peter's. You can take part by walking, cycling, visiting local churches, sponsoring others, or helping welcome visitors at St Peter's. Please speak to Lizzie in the Church Office if you would like to join in or help, or ask to join the 'Ride & Stride 2026' WhatsApp group.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – CAN YOU HELP?

St Peter's will be open for Heritage Open Days on Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September. This is a great opportunity to welcome visitors, share something of St Peter's, and make our church more visible to the wider community. We need help with welcoming, refreshments, cakes, cleaning, decorating, and simply being present to chat with visitors. Please speak to Lizzie in the Church Office if you can help.

SUNDAY ROTAS NOW PUBLISHED

Our autumn Sunday rotas are now live in ChurchSuite. Thank you to everyone serving in so many different ways – your help makes an enormous difference. Please check your dates and roles via *My ChurchSuite*. If a date does not work, the frequency feels too much, or something looks wrong, please let us know. If you need access to My ChurchSuite, or a password reset, please contact Lizzie (contact details overleaf).

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- First Sunday Picnic: After the Morning Service this Sunday, we hope to gather for our final First Sunday Picnic of the year, in the Vicarage Garden, weather permitting. Please bring your own lunch, and a chair or picnic rug if you can. No programme, no sign-up – just a chance to stay, chat, and enjoy time together.
- The Prayer Pointers for September are now available at the back of church.
- Bible Study Group notes are available at the back of church and on the website.