
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

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)

Monday 14th September

7:30pm PCC (hall)

Tuesday 15th September

7:30pm Christianity Explored (vicarage)

Wednesday 16th September

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

Thursday 17th September

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

Saturday 19th September

10:00am church open: Heritage Open Days (till 4pm)

Sunday 20th September

9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)
10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)
10:15am SPK Registration (church)
10:30am Communion 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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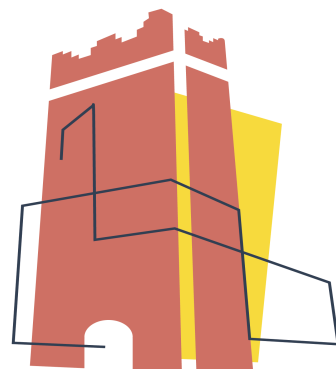
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 13th September 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This autumn we are asking everyone at St Peter's to take part in a short Stewardship Survey.

Stewardship is not just about money. It is about recognising that everything we have comes from the Lord, and asking how we can use what he has entrusted to us for his glory and the good of others. That includes our time, gifts, energy, service, prayer, practical help, and financial giving.

Over the coming weeks, we want to help everyone think prayerfully and realistically about their part in the life and ministry of St Peter's. For some, that may mean beginning to serve in a new way. For others, it may mean reviewing regular giving, joining in with practical needs, or simply helping us understand more clearly what is possible across the church family.

The survey is intended to help the PCC plan wisely for the year ahead. There are real opportunities before us, but there are also real financial and practical pressures. We need good information, honest responses, and prayerful generosity if we are to steward well all that the Lord has given us.

Please do look out for the survey, complete it when it arrives, and pray that the Lord would use this process to strengthen our life together in Christ.

With best wishes,

Mark

RESOURCES ON THE WEBSITE

The Resources page of the church website has been refreshed to help us prepare for Sundays and keep reflecting on God's word through the week. It brings together material for each Sunday where available, including service and reading sheets, SPK resources, sermon summaries, Bible Study Group notes, and links to recordings – www.stpeterscolchester.org/resources/

EQUIP – this is the week to get involved...

It is not too late to join *EQUIP*, our new midweek discipleship pattern, but this is the week to take the next step. You can choose between 'Bible Overview' or 'Christian Discipleship', choose a Fast or Steady pace, and work through the material at times that suit your life – with regular opportunities to talk, pray, ask questions, and learn with others.

EQUIP could work alongside an existing small group, or as an alternative if a weekly group has not worked well for you. Thank you to those who have already expressed interest. If you would like to join in, ask a question, or be kept informed, please speak to Mark, contact the Church Office, or [complete the short ChurchSuite form](#).

COULD YOU HELP AS A STEWARD?

We are looking for more people to help as stewards at our Sunday services. Stewards play an important role in welcoming people, helping visitors find their way, keeping an eye on practical needs, and making sure the service runs safely and smoothly.

At the 10.30am service, we ideally need someone on each door, especially as we settle into new Sunday arrangements. We also need help at the 9.00am BCP Communion service, where the service cannot run well unless there is someone available to welcome people and provide basic support.

This is a simple but important way to serve the church family. If you might be willing to help occasionally, or would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to Mark, one of the Churchwardens, or contact the Church Office.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – CAN YOU HELP?

St Peter's is open for the Heritage Open Days over these two weekends: Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th, and then Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September. This is a great opportunity to welcome visitors, share something of St Peter's, and help people discover more about our church and its place in the life of Colchester. We still need help with welcoming, refreshments, cakes, plants, gifts, crafts, cleaning, decorating, and simply being present to chat with visitors. Please speak to Lizzie in the Church Office if you can help, even for part of one day.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- 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.
 - Our Thursday Working Lunches continue, meeting from 11.30am till 1.30pm to help with practical jobs around the church and hall. Do join us if you can: bring some lunch; help with whatever suits you; tea and coffee will be provided.
 - Congratulations to Revd Dr Israel Oluwole Olofinjana on his appointment as Lead Minister of Colchester Baptist Church. As neighbours in the city centre, please pray for Israel, his family, and all at CBC as this new season of ministry begins.
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STEWARDSHIP SURVEY – please take part...

This week we are launching a short Stewardship Survey for the whole church family, to help us think carefully about our time, gifts, service, practical help, and financial giving. It is not intended to pressure anyone, but to help the PCC understand our current position clearly and plan responsibly for the year ahead.

St Peter's continues to face significant financial pressure: our ordinary income does not yet cover the full cost of ordinary ministry and running costs, so we do need to grow regular giving if our current ministry is to be sustainable. Please complete the survey when you receive it; paper copies will also be available for anyone who needs one. Thank you for all the ways you already give, serve, pray, and support the life of St Peter's.