
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 4th October

- 9:30am Musicians' Rehearsal (church)
- 10:00am Team Prayer Meeting (church)
- 10:15am SPK Registration (church)
- 10:30am Harvest Festival Service (church)

Monday 5th October

- 12 noon Church Prayer Meeting (church)
- 6:30pm Standing Committee (vicarage)
- 8:00pm Church Prayer Meeting (online)

Tuesday 6th October

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

Wednesday 7th October

- 10:15am Coffee & Chat (mercury cafe)
- 11:00am Freda Gunton Lodge Communion Service
- 1:30pm Cranmere Court Group
- 7:30pm EQUIP session (online)

Thursday 8th October

- 10:00am Tiny Tots (hall)
- 11:30am Thursday Working Lunch (hall)
- 4:30pm EQUIP session (online)
- 7:30pm EQUIP session (online)

Saturday 10th October

- 9:30am Deanery Day (St John's, until 3:30pm)
- 1:00pm Deanery Synod (St John's)

Sunday 11th October

- 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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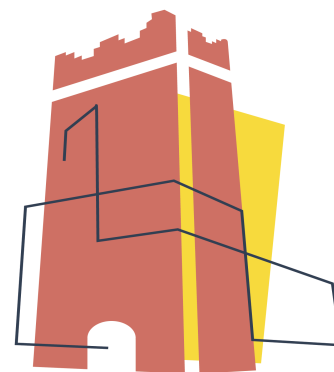
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 4th October 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate Harvest, and the words of David in 1 Chronicles 29 give us a wonderfully simple way of understanding what we are doing:

"Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

Harvest reminds us that before we give anything, we have first received from God. Our food, our money, our time, our abilities, our opportunities – and above all the gift of the Lord Jesus – all come from his hand.

Thank you very much to everyone who has brought gifts for Beacon House, and to everyone who has contributed so generously in different ways over these past weeks. Christian generosity is not about paying God back, but responding with gratitude to his generosity towards us, and sharing what he has given for the good of others.

My prayer is that Harvest will help us not simply to be grateful for what we have, but increasingly grateful to the God from whom every good gift comes.

With best wishes,

Mark

STEWARDSHIP SURVEY – THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the Annual Stewardship Survey. We are very grateful for the time and thought people have given to it. The responses will help the PCC understand more clearly the gifts, capacity, ideas, needs and financial position within the church family as we plan for 2027. We intend to share an anonymised, high-level overview of the results as soon as we are able, so that the church family can see something of the overall picture and the themes which emerge.

If you have not yet returned your survey, please do still send it in or complete it online as soon as possible.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS – this Monday

Our next Church Prayer Meetings are this Monday (5th October):

- **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](#))

Prayer is not an optional extra to the life of the church. It is one of the chief ways in which we express our dependence on God – asking him to work among us, to sustain our ministries, to save people, to guide us, and to do what only he can do.

There is much to pray for at St Peter's at present, and we would really encourage you to join us if you possibly can. Whether you come regularly or have never joined one of these meetings before, you would be very welcome.

SORTED 2026 – YOUTH EVENT

We are hoping to take a group of young people aged 14–18 to Sorted 2026 at Westminster Chapel in London on Saturday 7th November. Sorted brings together hundreds of teenagers and youth leaders for a day of Bible teaching, worship and encouragement; this year's theme is *Indestructible*, with teaching from John's Gospel. If you might be interested in coming, please let the Church Office know via 07947 136 048.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- The Prayer Pointers for October are now available at the back of church.
 - Bible Study Group notes are available at the back of church and 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-sheets, SPK resources, sermon summaries, Bible Study Group notes, and links to recordings – www.stpeterscolchester.org/resources/
 - 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 in the Church Hall if you can, immediately after Tiny Tots: bring some lunch; help with whatever suits you; tea and coffee will be provided.
 - Please note there will be no 9:00am BCP Service next Sunday (10th). The next 9:00am Communion will be on 24th October.
 - We are hoping to have a choir again this year to help lead the singing at both our Advent Carol Service and Christmas Carol Service. We are still in the early stages of planning and arranging rehearsals, but we would love to hear now from anyone who might be interested in taking part. If you would like to be involved, please let the Church Office know (07947 136 048), or speak directly to Richard Lawn.
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LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

With Advent beginning at the end of next month, our plans for Advent and Christmas are beginning to take shape. Please do put the main dates in your diary now, and begin thinking about friends, neighbours or family you might invite...

- Sunday 29th November, 10:30am – **Advent Carol Service**
- Sunday 6th December, 10:30am – **SPK Christmas Party** (regular service in church)
- Sunday 13th December, 10:30am – **Family Christingle Service**
- Sunday 20th December, 5:00pm – **Christmas Carol Service** (morning service at 10:30am as usual)
- Christmas Eve, 4:00pm – **Family Carols**
- Christmas Day, 10:00am – **All-Age Family Communion**