
COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday 1st November

9:00am BCP Communion (church)
9:45am Morning Prayer (hall)
10:45am Coffee (hall)
11:15am 'Rock Solid' with SPK (hall)

Monday 2nd November

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

Tuesday 3rd November

8:00pm Jericho Road Group

Wednesday 4th November

1:30pm Cranmere Court Group
6:15pm EQUIP Meal & Gathering (vicarage)

Thursday 5th November

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

Saturday 7th November

all day 'Sorted' (westminster chapel)

Sunday 8th November

9:00am BCP Communion (church)
9:45am Morning Prayer (hall)
10:45am Coffee (hall)
11:15am 'Rock Solid' with SPK (hall)

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



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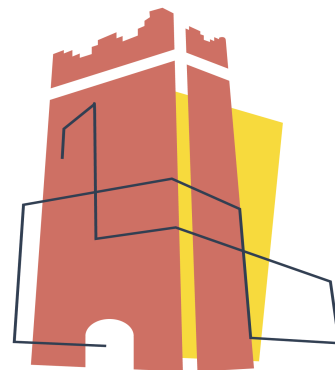
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St Peter's Update

Sunday 1st November 2026

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we begin our temporary new pattern of Sunday services, with the 9.00am BCP Communion remaining in church and our 9.45am and 11.15am services taking place in the Hall.

I am sorry for the inconvenience and disruption these changes will inevitably cause. None of us would have chosen to reorganise Sundays in this way, but I am hopeful that the new pattern will work well and enable us to keep meeting together well while we continue to deal with the heating problems in church.

It may take us a few weeks to settle into the new arrangements, and we will be very glad to receive constructive feedback as we go. We want to make this work as well as possible for the whole church family, and we will keep the pattern under review.

A particular thank you to everyone helping with today's services – those setting up, welcoming, serving refreshments, leading, teaching, playing, helping with SPK and crèche, and taking on new or adjusted roles. Your flexibility and willingness to help are very much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Mark

SUNDAY SERVICES FROM 1ST NOVEMBER

From this Sunday (1st November), we begin our temporary new pattern of Sunday morning services while we deal with the problems with the church heating.

For the time being, our Sunday mornings will look like this:

- **9.00am – 9:25am: BCP Holy Communion, in church**
A short, quiet service of Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer, normally lasting around 20 minutes.
- **9.45am – 10:45am: Morning Prayer, in the Hall**
A more traditional morning service with Bible teaching, prayers and sung worship.
- **10.45am – 11.15am: Coffee and time together in the Hall**
We particularly hope that those attending either Hall service will make use of this time, giving us an opportunity to see one another across the two congregations.
- **11.15am – 12:15pm: 'Rock Solid', in the Hall**
A more informal service with Bible teaching and worship. St Peter's Kids provision will take place as part of this service, and we would particularly encourage families with children to make Rock Solid their main Sunday service. The crèche will be open in the Church Lounge throughout Rock Solid, but will not be available during the earlier service.

You are very welcome to attend whichever service or services best suit you. It may take a week or two for everyone to work out which pattern works best, and that is absolutely fine.

Thank you for bearing with the changes. This is a temporary arrangement, and we will keep it under review as we continue to investigate the heating situation and learn how the new pattern works in practice. Please do speak to Mark, the Churchwardens or the Church Office if you have any questions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOXES DUE TODAY

A big thank you to everyone who has taken part in this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Today is the deadline for returning completed shoeboxes to St Peter's; please do not seal them shut, as the contents need to be checked before they are sent. Financial contributions are also still welcome through the church card reader. Thank you for the generosity, care and prayer that have gone into the appeal, and please continue to pray for the children who will eventually receive these gifts.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 8TH NOVEMBER

Next Sunday, we will mark Remembrance Sunday at St Peter's during the coffee time between our two Hall services. We will pause together for the two-minute silence at 11.00am, enabling people from both congregations to share in our Act of Remembrance. The city's civic Remembrance Service is also expected to take place at the War Memorial on the High Street, beginning at around 10.45am. Those wishing to attend may find that our 9.00am BCP Communion works particularly well beforehand.

Please be aware that the parade and road closures can sometimes make access to the church and Hall more difficult on Remembrance Sunday, so it would be sensible to leave a little extra time for your journey and arrival.

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS...

- A big thank you to everyone who completed our Annual Stewardship Survey. We are very grateful for the time, thought and honesty people have given to their responses. The survey is now closed, and the results will be reviewed by the PCC on Monday 9th November as part of our planning for 2027. We hope to share an anonymised, high-level overview with the church family afterwards.
- We are sorry to have to let you know that Peter and Margaret Holden have decided that they need to stop travelling regularly to St Peter's. The long journey into Colchester has become increasingly difficult because of ill health, and they feel the time has come to make a change. Peter and Margaret have been part of St Peter's for many years, and their friendship, encouragement, wisdom and faithful support have meant a great deal to us. They have written very warmly of their gratitude for their years here, and of the joy it has been to share in the life of the church family. They will be very much missed. We hope there will be an opportunity during November to thank them properly and say goodbye. In the meantime, please do pray for them as they make this transition.
- The November Prayer Pointers are now available in church, in the Hall, and via the church WhatsApp group.