



## 2021 UPDATE #1

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### NEW NATIONAL LOCKDOWN — St Peter's to close once again...

*Mark writes:* In light of the recent government policy and the advice received from the Diocese, we will sadly be closing St Peter's for public worship once again. We will continue to make *Church Family Worship Online* available each Sunday morning, and will endeavour to help those unable to access this in other ways. I am sure you will understand that it is very difficult at the moment to put a timeframe on when we expect to re-open, but the Churchwardens and I will keep the matter under ongoing review and will keep people informed as much as possible.

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### APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHURCH STAFF TEAM

As you will be aware by now, the PCC have been able to make two appointments to the Church Staff Team. Subject to the completion of all the necessary pre-employment checks, Mrs Vivienne Depledge will begin work with us shortly as our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator and Mrs Lizzie Wallace will be our part-time Children's & Youth Worker. They will join Mrs Bernice Watts, our Church Administrator, on the Staff Team which continues to be led by our Vicar, Revd Mark Wallace.

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### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

*Christianity Explored* is an opportunity for anyone and everyone to look at what Christianity is all about. *Christianity Explored* is a seven-session course that gives people the time and space to think about the big questions of life and to explore the life of the man at the heart of the Christian faith. As they explore Mark's Gospel, people find out who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him.



The next *Christianity Explored* course will start on Thursday 21st January, at 7:45pm, and will be online via Zoom. For further details, or if you have any questions, do please contact Mark (details over).

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### NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Please note that all 'in-church' services remain suspended until further notice.
- Newsletters have been received recently from the McCann family and from the University of Essex Christian Union. If you would like see a copy, please contact Bernice in the Parish Office who will arrange for it to be sent to you.
- Please pray for Mark, speaking at the *ReNew Future Leaders' Conference* on Saturday 16th January, on the title of "Principles for exploring paid gospel ministry".
- It was announced just before Christmas that the next Bishop of Chelmsford will be the Rt Revd Guli Francis-Deqhani, who is currently the Bishop of Loughborough in the Diocese of Leicester. Do pray for Bishop Guli as she prepares to move to the diocese and take up her responsibilities next year. More details are available on the diocesan website.

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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 10th January [the 1st Sunday of Epiphany]

- 10:00am — **Church Family Worship Online** (available on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#))

### Tuesday 12th January

- 7:30pm — **PCC Meeting** (via Zoom, details on request)

### Wednesday 13th January

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

### Saturday 16th January

- 9:00am — **the ReNew Future Leaders' Conference** (via Zoom, details on request)

### Sunday 17th January [the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany]

- 10:00am — **Church Family Worship Online** (available on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#))
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