



## 2021 UPDATE #24

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### THE ST PETER'S SUMMER PROGRAMME

The recent announcement of a delay in lifting the Covid-restrictions by the government means that we have sadly had to postpone our plans to return-to-church for unrestricted and 'normal' church services.

Instead, our plan now is to extend the provision of *Garden Church* services into early-July (up to and including 4th July), and then introduce the *St Peter's Summer Programme*: this will include Sunday services both in-church and on-line, as well as various social events in the week. Our particular focus will be on Paul's letter to the Ephesians, which has much to teach us about what it means to be church in such difficult times. Further details will follow soon.

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### CHURCH PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR ROLE — an update from the Churchwardens

*Anne Kavanagh writes:* We are very sad to announce that Vivienne will be leaving her role as Pastoral Co-ordinator at the end of June, and we would like to thank her for all the work that she has done to develop good relationships and support our church family in the six months that she has been working with us.

We are very keen to maintain the momentum in developing the work that has been started, so we, the PCC, are pleased to let you know that we have appointed Lizzie Wallace as Acting Pastoral Care Coordinator for a period of 3 months as an interim measure to take us through to the end of September.

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### CHURCH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

The Vicar and PCC of St Peter's remain committed to safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults. As the safeguarding responsibilities have understandably grown over the last few years, we have made arrangements for our commitment to safeguarding to be further enabled by the arrangement of a Church Safeguarding Committee, who have now taken on the leadership responsibility from Mrs Anne Kavanagh. This Safeguarding Committee consists of:

- Safeguarding Committee Chairman — **Mark Wallace**, *ex officio* (as Vicar)
- Parish Safeguarding Officer — **Sue Almond**
- Safeguarding Administrator & Lead Recruiter — **Clare Reid**
- Children's Safeguarding Champion — **Caroline Sheldrick**
- Safeguarding Committee Secretary — **Bernice Watts**, *ex officio* (as PCC Secretary)
- The Pastoral Co-ordinator and the Children's & Youth Worker will also be on the Safeguarding Committee *ex officio*.

The Parish Safeguarding Handbook is available for inspection in church or on-line (<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>). Any safeguarding concerns should, in the first instance, be raised with the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Sue Almond). The next meeting of the Church Safeguarding Committee will be this Monday evening (21st June), via Zoom.

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### NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Do join us for a church 'local walk' on Saturday 26th June at 2pm, starting and ending at the Jumbo tower. Please let Bernice know if you plan to attend, and please consider bringing your own refreshments.

- We are planning Churchyard Working Parties on Saturday mornings in July (Saturday 3rd and Saturday 10th) to get to grips with the churchyard once again. Both skilled and unskilled assistance appreciated! For further information, please contact Wendy Whitfield (01206 790431, or via the Church Office).
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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 20th June

- short service of **Morning Prayer** (via [www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester))
- 10:00am — **Garden Church: Morning Service** (in the Vicarage garden, registration required)
- 3:00pm — **Garden Church: Songs of Praise** (in the Vicarage garden, registration required)
- 6:00pm — **Garden Church: Evening Service** (in the Vicarage garden, registration required)

### Monday 21st June

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

### Tuesday 22nd June

- 4:30pm — **"Ignite"** (for school years 7-9; via Zoom, details on request)

### Wednesday 23rd June

- 7:45pm — **Colchester Deanery Synod** (via Zoom, details on request)
- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

### Thursday 24th June

- 4:00pm — **"Spark in the Garden"** (for school years 3-6; in the Vicarage garden)
- 7:45pm — **Discipleship Explored, session 8** (via Zoom, log-in details on request)

### Friday 25th June

- 7:30pm — **421 Youth Group** (in the John Owen Barn, Fordham)

### Saturday 26th June

- 2:00pm — **Church Social Walk** (meet at the Jumbo tower)

### Sunday 27th June

- short service of **Morning Prayer** (via [www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester))
  - 10:00am — **Garden Church: Morning Service** (in the Vicarage garden, registration required)
  - 3:00pm — **Garden Church: Songs of Praise** (in the Vicarage garden, registration required)
  - 6:00pm — **Garden Church: Evening Service** (in the Vicarage garden, registration required)
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