

## 2021 UPDATE, WEEK #41

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### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This Sunday is national 'Safeguarding Sunday'. The *Parish Safeguarding Handbook* can be found in paperback form in various places in the church and in the Hall, or can be seen online on the Church of England website. If you have any questions or concerns about safeguarding at St Peter's, please feel free to speak to the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Sue Almond), or to the Vicar. Contact details are overleaf.



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### THE GENEROSITY PROJECT

This autumn, we are encouraging everyone at St Peter's to join in with *The Generosity Project*, a six-part course for use in small groups. As we look at God's word together, we will see a powerful understanding of what generosity is and how it grows, what it means to have a renewed and generous heart that longs to give to others, and (we pray!) a new resolve to put all this into practice in various areas of our lives.

**The books are now available.** Please take one, and we encourage you to take the time to read it during October. Then, in November (and into the first week of December), we will be encouraging everyone at St Peter's to gather in small groups to discuss, explore, pray, and think how we might put it all into practice. Each week, we will work our way through one chapter together.

#### There are several ways you might do this...

- ... perhaps join in with **an online group** (via Zoom) **on Monday evenings** at 7:30pm (from Mon 1 Nov);
- ... perhaps join **a face-to-face group** in the Church Hall **on Thursday mornings**, at 11:15am (from Thu 4 Nov);
- ... perhaps make **your own small group** by meeting **at your own convenience** with two or three others.

Please take a copy of the book from church today. We are offering them free, although contributions towards the cost (£5 each) would be welcomed. All we ask is that you commit to reading it!

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### HARVEST FESTIVAL — Sunday 24th October

Our Harvest Festival this autumn will be on Sunday 24th October, when Revd Stephen Lloyd will be preaching.

We will be supporting Beacon House with our harvest gifts again this year, and they have particularly requested the following as being needed for their work with homeless people this winter...

tinned meat, beans, vegetables, tomatoes and other fruit ... squash ... sugar ... cooking sauces ... biscuits and chocolate (multi- and single-wrapped) ... long-life milk (1pt/500ml size, if possible) ... single-serving cereal packets ... kettle-prepared food (eg pot noodles and ramen) ... salted peanuts ... coffee ... prepared custard (no powder, please) ... gravy granules ... marmite ... peanut butter ... chocolate spread ... mayonnaise ... spray deodorant ... shampoo ... shower gel.

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### NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Please remember that **our Morning Service now starts at 10:30am**. Everyone is welcome to join us beforehand at 10:00am for a Pre-Service Prayer Meeting (access at this time via the High Street door).

- If you would be interested in joining the Church Music Group (as either a singer or an instrumentalist), and would be able to attend the 9:30am rehearsal on Sunday mornings, then Richard Lawn would be pleased to hear from you.
  - The Vicar is currently considering how best to put together a Working Group to consider the *Living in Love and Faith* material, produced recently by the Church of England. If you would be interested in being part of this Working Group, please contact Mark by Monday 11th October.
  - The latest newsletter from the McCann family is now available. Please let Bernice know if you would like a copy.
  - The church has a surplus of hymn books (*Hymns for Today's Church & Complete Anglican Hymns old and new*) that are no longer needed. If you would like a copy of your own to keep, or if you know anyone who would like a small supply, please contact Bernice before the end of October.
  - Thank you to everyone who has sponsored our Vicar's fund-raising for the Redevelopment Project. As of this week, he has completed 438,000m (which means he is now past Aberdeen on his metaphorical journey from the Shetlands to Colchester!). Sponsorship is still possible via [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/amillionmetres4stpeters](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/amillionmetres4stpeters)
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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 10th October

- 10:00am — **Sunday Pre-Service Prayer Meeting** (in church)
- 10:30am — **Morning Service, with SPK** (in church)

### Wednesday 13th October

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

### Thursday 14th October

- 10:00am — **Toddler Group Prayers** (in the Church Hall)
- 2:45pm — **The Funeral of the late Moyra Hart** (Colchester Crematorium)
- 4:00pm — **SAS: Spark After School** (in the Church Hall)
- 7:30pm — **Life Explored** (online, via Zoom)

### Friday 15th October

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

### Sunday 17th October

- 9:30am — **Music Practice** (in church)
  - 10:00am — **Sunday Pre-Service Prayer Meeting** (in church)
  - 10:30am — **Morning Service, with SPK & communion** (in church)
  - 6:00pm — **Ignite Social** (in the Church Hall)
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