



All the latest news for our communities for February 2025



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www.ststephens-colchester.org.uk

www.stmargaretscolchester.org.uk

Regular Weekly Services and Meetings

(these may vary from time to time)

**St Stephen's—Sunday mornings at 10:15 am
together with our Wednesday morning Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer services at 10:30 am.**

Every Sundays 9:30—10:00 am in the Chapel (before Sunday Service) a time of silent Christian meditation. Please can an effort be made to be quiet if arriving at Church before 10:00 to avoid disturbing the meditation in the Chapel.

Messy Church on the first Sunday of the month, on the second & fourth Sunday of the month we have Morning Worship, including Holy Communion and Kids Club. The third Sunday we have Café Church in the morning including breakfast.

**St Margaret's—Sunday mornings at 10:15 am
and Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 9:30 am**

1st Sunday of the month is All Aged Worship, 2nd and 4th Holy Communion and Morning Prayer on the 3rd.

5th Sunday of the month (if there is one) joint worship at either St Stephen's or St Margaret's—see notices for further details

**Three Together; St Stephen's, Wimpole Road and
St Margaret's Worship & Meetings**

Weekly Sunday Evening On Line Worship on Facebook at 6:30 pm. This will stream into our Facebook pages. You are able to join us live at the time or take part at an alternative time that better suits you.



Weekly Prayer Meeting at 10:00 on Tuesday via Zoom

[Click here](#) to access Zoom on the internet or Meeting ID: 195 594 506 & Passcode: 011904

You can also access Zoom Meetings via the telephone; please contact Andrew Tople for further information.

Clergy Reflection

Embracing New Beginnings: A Journey of Faith and Service

Hello everyone, I write to you during a bittersweet period of life. As you'll all be aware by now, my family and I will be leaving Colchester for the rural village of Bacton in Suffolk; where I'll be taking up my new role of Rector for six wonderful 14th century churches.

Transitioning from one church community to another while remaining faithful and obedient to a vocation and sense of calling is both a profound and challenging journey. Leanne and I are filled with great excitement, but sadness too, as we prepare to leave so many lovely people. We have always been led by our faith, signs and wonders which has been difficult at times to discern, particularly through challenging and disappointing times. Our journey to first incumbency brings greater responsibility, renewed purpose, and a reminder of the deep connections shared within the body of Christ.

It is traditional for clergy moving on to share some words of wisdom and encouragement of their journey. Therefore, to start with I would say it is essential to draw upon scripture for guidance and strength. Secondly, it is important to encourage others. Thirdly, encouraging others to embrace new challenges and joys is equally important. And the fourth point of wisdom is to enable each other to boldly continue ministry, reaching out into the known and unknown. I thought I would share with you some scriptural verses that has been key in my discerning of my new role. I also feel these verses offer wisdom and encouragement to each of you too.

Trust in God's Plan

As believers, our journey is guided by faith in God's purpose.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

In moments of uncertainty and change, this scripture from Proverbs encourages us to trust wholly in God's guidance and wisdom.

For Leanne and I leaving a church family with whom we've shared so many memories and spiritual milestones feels a little daunting. Yet, we are reminded of the importance to recognise that God's plan extends beyond our immediate understanding. Trusting in His divine providence has allowed us to embrace new beginnings with confidence and hope. The scripture is also very relevant to St. Stephens and St. Margarets as

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both churches discern ministry, challenges and opportunities for 2025 and beyond.

Encouragement

I wanted to extend an encouragement to both congregations we leave behind, knowing that our parting is bittersweet! The relationships and experiences shared will forever shape our ministry and personal lives. I found St. Paul's letter dated 63AD, to the church in Philippi a source of inspiration as it expresses gratitude and continuous prayer for one another, St. Paul writes:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..."
Philippians 1:3-6

For Leanne and I, we wanted to encourage all of you to remain ever faithful to the gospel, continue to foster your warm welcome to others; particularly while discerning the future of St. Stephen's and St. Margaret's. Unity, love, faith and grace must be the guiding factors of both congregations as you grow together. I encourage you to pray for each other too and for Rev'd Anna as she discerns with you and the Holy Spirit future ministry.

Embracing the Challenge of a New Beginning

As I transition to a new role, diocese and county I am presented with unique challenges and opportunities to share the gospel in fresh and impactful ways. St. Paul's letter to Timothy has been as source of meditation and has reminded me to rely upon God's provision:

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline."
2 Timothy 1:7

This verse has been a great source of reflection for me as we prepared for interview and now prepare to take up the role of Rector. I share this with you here because it reminds us to be embracing of enthusiasm, embracing of a new beginning or new year, with the assurance that God equips His servants with the power and capability needed for their work. Through my discernment and preparations, I feel ready for the ministry ahead.

As a new rector, I'm looking forward to actively engaging with my new congregations. I am looking forward to understanding and appreciating

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their traditions, challenges, and shared visions for the future. I encourage you over the next year to spent time reflecting upon your identities and what is important to each congregation and identify where you share common ground. Unity is powerful and demonstrates acceptance, love and trust. By allowing the Holy Spirit to shape, empower and release giftings, I believe 2025 will be a period of prosperity for both churches.

Continuing Ministry with Vision and Dedication

Be encouraging of each other particularly as the continuation of ministry is vital for the growth and wellbeing of both churches. St. Paul has lots to say on this, particularly as he travelled around so many churches offering encouragement. St. Paul wrote in the Epistle to Hebrews:

“Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ.”

Hebrews 13:20-21

As I leave, and Anna, Belinda, Jackie and Christine continue to minister. It is my hope and prayer that 2025 is a year of great opportunity that leads to revitalisation and inspiration. I feel the challenge for each of us this year is to look deeper into God’s word, to serve one another, and to reach out to the wider community with the message of Christ’s love and salvation. Continue to explore new initiatives that promote social justice, community service, and evangelism as these will ignite a spirit of revival. This certainly has been a passage of scripture that has fed my discerning for 2025, and my new ministry. I hope it is a source that inspires you too.

An Ongoing Journey of Faith

Ultimately, each of us are on an ongoing journey of faith and service. Embrace it with an open heart, ready to be moulded and guided by God’s eternal wisdom. Maintain a posture of prayer, it is paramount to discernment and gaining strength to face challenges whilst you seize the opportunities that come your way. William Temple, former Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) famously said:

“When we pray, coincidences happen and when we don't pray, nothing much happens. This is because our God works in the coincidence!”

William Temple, the Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44)

I encourage each of you to reflect upon this truth. It really is a life-changing perspective – a Lens to view life!

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Therefore, to conclude, I leave you with St. Paul's words to the church in Romans:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

May we all carry this hope and peace, knowing that in every step and every decision, God walks alongside each of us, paving the way for fruitfulness and blessing.

Leanne, Aaron, Jacob and I thank each of you for your support and words of encouragement over the last four years. And for many at St. Margarets' thank you for sharing in our journey since in 2010. Leanne and I were married at St. Margaret's, Aaron was baptised, and the some of the children were all confirmed with you too. We will miss you all very much!

God bless,

Rev'd Dan

Parish Giving

Whether by phone, by post or online, you can set up a Direct Debit donation with PGS that will help our parish fund the mission and ministry, enriching the life of our church in our community.

Begin your giving journey in just a few clicks at www.parishgiving.org.uk

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S GOING ON AT CHURCH AND AROUND THE LOCAL AREA

Watch our Facebook pages for all sorts of information about what is going and as well as the "Events" page on our web site.



Please [click here](#) to see the Events page

Community Worker Update

Christmas seems like a bit of a distant memory once we are now back in the swing of the new year, new school terms etc. However looking back at Advent 2024 it was an absolutely wonderful time of opening up our churches and being out in the community to talk about the time of year.

We had...

- Three Saturdays of festive fun at The Hub; with letter writing to Santa and getting a reply, special festive hot drinks were added to the menu and a breakfast with Santa which saw over 70 children attending and receiving gifts that were very kindly donated from Emmaus (we are also really thankful for Santa for fitting us in for a visit!),
- Kendall C of E School visited for their full school Christmas service which was attended by many parents/carers,
- St Stephen's welcomed Oaklea Montessori for their Christmas Nativity,
- A Messy Church afternoon at St Margaret's which saw 22 children sharing with fun and craft activities,
- St Stephen's hosted the Cub and Scout Christmas family service in early December.
- St George's whole school visited Wimpole Road church for their Christmas service,
- and there was a special "festive" Singing For Fun.
- Carol singing in the communities around St Margaret's, and around St Stephen's and Wimpole Road Churches which were well attended and big thanks go to the Silver Oyster and the Odd One Out for letting the singers stop at / in their pubs to warm up at the end!
- Wimpole Road had a special service for the Woodlands group and others that visit the Warm Space Coffee Morning,
- The Abbeygate Concert Band held a free concert for the community at St Stephen's, and
- Cole Endeavour performed at St Margaret's too.

Our Christmas card was delivered to 5,000 odd houses in our parishes after a competition for the card design which was well entered and won by a regular from The Hub!

The three toddler groups that run across the churches had parties which were well attended too! A three course Christmas dinner served for the Over 60's Lunch club at St Stephen's. The Silver Threads team put on a Christmas meal for their patrons also.

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St Leonard's Church was standing room only for carols and the Three Together Carol Service was held at Wimpole Road Church saw the church full and was accompanied by Boxted Methodist Silver Band for singing carols! Cafe Church at St Stephen's saw a spread of brunch food to share and celebrate together all whilst the congregation decorated the Christmas Tree!

Christmas Eve Crib service at Wimpole Road, Midnight Communion at St Stephen's and a candle lit family service at St Margaret's on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day service at St Stephen's was well attended too!

I am sure that there is something I have missed off of this list (...so I am sorry if I have missed something you have organised!) I think that we can all agree from this list of events which would have been from the start of December to the Christmas Day we have seen and spoken to so many people in the local areas across the Three Together Churches, welcoming faces whether familiar or new into our churches, sharing Gods love and the Christmas story!

These events could not take place without all of the volunteers behind the scenes with the planning and on the day helpers too - so thank you to everyone who helped in any way. We should be proud of the work we have put in and knowing sharing into the community!.....roll on advent 2025!!

Louise Brown

St Leonard at the Hythe

On the 5th Sunday in the month, we have agreed we will hold evening prayer worship at St Leonards at the Hythe.

Further details will follow, but for now please mark this in your diary!



St Stephen's report : September - December 2024



Highlights from this term:

St Stephen's had a really positive start to the year. We welcomed Lucy as Lead Youth Worker; her training, experience and passion for youth work has really helped the club to thrive. Relationships with young people have really flourished, resulting in positive attitudes, mutual respect and greater engagement. Activities are varied and engaging for young people and they really enjoy attending. At Christmas, one young person announced "This is the best youth club ever!! Everyone should come here!"

Popular activities at this club:

- Baking & cooking e.g. cookies & pizza
- Sports such as dodgeball, football & badminton
- Biscuit decorating
- Chatting and catching up with friends
- Glow in the dark disco (Christmas party)

Most common topics of discussion:

School, hobbies, homework, friendships, relationships, navigating the end of friendships and/or relationships



What support has been given this term?

We have had many conversations around families and different family dynamics.

We have also had many conversations around relationships and friendships, including what a healthy friendship looks like and how we can build further friendships. This has been particularly valuable to those in Year 7 who didn't know many people at secondary school or who have found themselves in different classes to their primary school friends. We've also had open discussions about the choices we make and the impact our choices can have on our futures. This was insightful for some of our young people who may be easily led by others or are subject to peer pressure.



What does engagement look like here?

Engagement has really improved this term. Engagement looks at the attitudes of young people, their willingness to try activities, as well as their engagement in conversations. Some of our young people have improved by 25-50% since September, which just shows the impact that stronger relationships & varied activities are having on the young people attending. There are a group of young people who thoroughly enjoy taking a lead on cooking and baking activities. There are many others who enjoy taking a leadership role in other activities, for example sports officiating. Young people see youth club as a safe space and somewhere they can seek advice and support.

Everyone enjoyed an end of term party with food, football, and a glow stick disco!

What were the biggest challenges this term?

Following on from a challenging summer term, behaviour & expectations were the main things that needed to be addressed in September. Staff have dealt with behaviour challenges very professionally and have worked hard to create a positive youth club environment where young people feel safe and cared for. This term, a lot of work has been put into staff training, relationship building & session structure. I am pleased to report that we have seen fantastic improvements since September and there is a calm, positive atmosphere in both clubs.



Summary of PCC meeting 15.01.25 for distribution to the congregation

- The Diocesan Advisory Committee are prepared to visit the church to advise the PCC on a plan to address the leaks and lack of heating in the church. The visit will take place in February.
- The city council are going to deliver a 180L Wheelie bin for our 'household' rubbish from the hall. The bin will be emptied fortnightly.
- You may have noticed that some of the lights in the hall do not always come on. We will need a Tower Scaffold to replace starters in the lights. We propose to do the work during one week of the summer break when we intend to close the hall to all hirers.
- We are investigating whether we can find blinds that would fit the top hall windows so that the low sun in winter can be controlled!
- In the better weather, we intend to clear out the Nissen Hut. There are numerous kneelers in there which, if in a good condition, we would like to offer to other churches.
- PCC has authorised the purchase of a Laptop which will be used in the hall to play music for services using iSing and will replace the PC in the church when we move back in there.
- PCC is hoping to offer a Social Event in the Spring – date to follow – to which everyone will be welcome. The idea of a Quiz evening with a Fish and Chip supper is being considered. Any funds raised will go towards Building Repairs.
- Monkwick Junior School Year 3 pupils make an annual visit to the church building in the autumn term. The teacher has since contacted Anna to say that the children are going to take part in an Easter Art Project to make 'stained glass window pictures' which the teacher would like to display in the church/hall. We look forward to that!
- Carolyn is going to start the process of renewing the Church Family Directory.
- The next Messy Church will be in the half term holiday - Monday 17th February from 11am until 1pm with lunch included. £2 donation per family requested; booking essential – text Carolyn 07748795926
- The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th March 2025.

It's YOUR Newsletter

Please don't forget, if you have stories or items that they would like to contribute to future Newsletters please contact me at: office@ststephens-colcheser.org.uk .

Andrew Topple

PRAYER FOR ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

Please pray for the people living in the following roads across our parishes:

Week 1. From 2nd February—Lisle Road, Claudius Road, Campion Road, Barington Road. Bober Court, Merton Court and Prunus Court.

Week 2. From 9th February. Gilberd Road. Sadler Close, Western Road, Beche Road, Chestnut Avenue, Hetherington Close and Gosfield Road.

Week 3. 16th February. Gladstone Road. Granville Road. Mytle Grove, Adelaide Drive, Cairns Road and Armidale Walk

Week 4. From 23rd February. Morant Road. Harsnet Road, Kimberley Road, Berefield Way, Inworth Walk and Queen Elizabeth Way

Anybody who wants to Prayer Walk these roads please do.



Two day tour of the battlefield of Ypres 29 and 30 March 2025

An opportunity for St Margaret's St Stephens and Wimpole Methodist congregation members to join together for a two day trip around the battlefields of Belgium.

The itinerary includes a coach trip down to Dover for a ferry crossing. Arriving mid afternoon we will visit the second largest British military cemetery and have a tour around including individual stories of those buried there. We move onto a Museum involving a number of artefacts and recreated trenches from WW1.

There will be an opportunity to visit the Menin Gate- the Memorial to the Missing in the Ypres Salient and be involved in the Menin Gate ceremony at 8pm. A meal at the excellent Captain Cook will follow the ceremony. Our Hotel Regina is in the beautiful Main Square of Ypres.

After breakfast on Day 2 we visit a German cemetery as a comparison to the numerous British cemeteries in the area. We move on to a preserved battlefield site of Hill 60 scene of major fighting throughout the war including gas and underground warfare. We then have the opportunity to visit Toc H famous as a house behind the lines run by Chaplains to provide rest and recuperation for weary soldiers, It houses an upper room where soldiers took communion and had services there. We plan to have our own service there as part of our tour. There will also be an opportunity after the service to visit the holding cell and firing post for those who were to be shot at dawn. Ironically this was close to Toc H.

We make our return mid afternoon for Calais for an early evening crossing with the intention of arriving back in Colchester at about 9pm on the Sunday evening.

The cost of this trip is as follows:

- o £335.00 per person based on a minimum of 30 full paying passengers in twin rooms.
- o £355.00 per person based on a minimum of 25 full paying passengers in twin rooms.
- o Single room supplement: £40 per person per night, subject to availability.

Items Included

- o Executive Coach.
- o Return Channel crossings.
- o 1 nights' bed and breakfast Hotel accommodation.
- o An evening meal on day 1.
- o Visits and any entrance fees to the sites listed on your attached itinerary.
- o The professional services of 1 Anglia Tours Guide.
- o Insurance specifically designed for groups (see paragraph on insurance).
- o 24 hour emergency response cover whilst on tour.
- o A poppy wreath for the group.

An initial deposit of £70 per paying person to confirm booking.

- o A second deposit of £70 per paying person will be required 8 weeks after booking.
- o Final payment is due 10 weeks before departure, by Friday 17 January, 2025.

John Raynor 07948156837 and johnraynor860@gmail.com

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Community fun day

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

10-4PM

*TABLE TOP
SALES*

*REFRESHMENTS
AND LUNCH
ITEMS
AVAILABLE*

*FUN AND GAMES
FOR ALL*

FACE PAINT.

CRAFT STALLS

*FREE ACTIVITIES
WHEN INSIDE -
BOUNCY CASTLE
AND SOFT PLAY.*

*PERFORMANCES
BY LOCAL
ENTERTAINERS*

**£2 ENTRY
/ £5 FOR
A FAMILY**

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Can we recommend the 'Everyday Faith' app which popped up on my FaceBook recently? It's developed by the Church of England and is a 5 minute read / listen which includes a bible reading, brief commentary, prayer and action point. Easy to download from the App store (easy as in I managed it). If you don't 'do' apps here is a link to use online which you might want to explore...

<https://everydayfaith.churchofengland.org/s/preview>

Hope you find this resource useful for taking your journey of faith into your weekly routine.

ST STEPHEN'S KIDS' CLUB

9th and 23rd FEBRUARY

As usual, we will meet in the hall at 10.15

Please Join us



FED UP WAITING.....

FOR A REAL BUS STATION????

IT'S BEEN TWELVE YEARS SINCE OUR QUEEN STREET STATION CLOSED!

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COME ALONG TO ST STEPHENS CHURCH FOR AN
AFTERNOON OF MUSICAL SINGING FUN!

JOIN US TO SING ALONG TO LOTS OF THE OLD TIME
FAVOURITE SONGS AND MANY OTHERS TOO!

Fourth Monday of the month

12:00 - 1:30 pm



Next sessions on 24 February


St Stephen's
CHURCH

Neurospicy

Support and information for the
neurodivergent and their families



Join us for a cuppa and a chat

Tuesday 10am - 12pm (term time)

St Stephen's Church, Canterbury Road, CO2 7RJ

Further details can be found about this group
by [clicking here](#)

*All
Welcome*


St Stephen's
CHURCH

The Hub

St. Stephen's cafe & community hubbub

Saturdays 10am - 12 noon

Coffee
and cake

Knit and
natter

Lego
club

Warhammer
club

BRICKS AND BEER



COME ALONG ON THE 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FOR AN GROWN UPS EVENING OF
BEING CREATIVE AND BUILDING LEGO!
BRING ALONG A FEW DRINKS OF YOUR CHOICE (DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ALCOHOLIC!)
AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH US!
7.30-9.30PM AT ST STEPHENS CHURCH.

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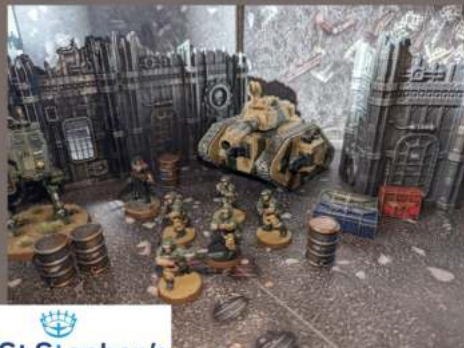
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Freephone: 0808 278 7853

We can offer help with a wide range of issues including:

- Debt or money advice
- Energy bills, efficiency and budgeting
- Benefit checks or help to make a claim
- Family or personal
- Housing
- Employment
- and more!

WARHAMMER GAMES NIGHT



Come along with your army and
join us for a game's night - adults
only.

You are welcome to turn up or
get in touch us or the
Warhammer Club leaders for
more information.

8pm, 3rd Friday of the month at
St Stephens Church.



St Margaret's Church

COMMUNITY CAFE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH COLCHESTER
FOODBANK

All are welcome to our weekly cafe for free refreshments in the church hall.

We also have various community support groups providing drop in sessions as well as the food bank volunteers who are able to issue food parcels for those in need, whatever the reason.

Come along for a cuppa and a chat!

EVERY FRIDAY

11-1PM



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Wimpole Road
Methodist Church

SCOUTS

Mondays
7:15pm to 9:00pm
St Stephen's Church
Canterbury Road

EXPLORERS

Fridays
7:30pm to 9pm
Rowhedge Village Hall

Contact us:

Alex - 07540 455343
David - 07904 702562
George - 07476 781885





coffee with cops



Your chance to get to know your Local Community Policing Team over a coffee. Ask questions, voice concerns – tell us how we can help you.

Location:

Wimpole Road Methodist Church, Colchester, CO1 2DL

Date / Time:

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10am



This month this will be on 14 February

Silver Threads at St Margaret's



A warm welcome awaits you on Wednesday afternoon

Tea and company - 1st Wednesday of the month
1.30pm to 3.00pm

Knit and Natter - 2nd Wednesday of month
1.30 to 3.30pm

Fun and Games - 3rd Wednesday of the month
1.30pm to 3.00pm

Food for Thought - 4th Wednesday of the month
12.30pm -1.45pm

booking essential for catering reasons – to book call 07745 160 621

Tea and Chat - 5th Wednesday (when there is one) 1.30-3 pm

HELP NEEDED PLEASE



Might you be able to help with St Stephen's Kids' Club on the 4th Sunday of the month?

If you might be able to help, please speak to Belinda or Beryl.

Thank you.

Youth
Club

YMCA



St Stephen's Church
Canterbury Road CO2 7RY

Thursdays

term-time only

6.30 - 8pm
School years 5 - 8

8 - 9.15pm
School years 8 - 12



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Second Monday of the month (unless
otherwise stated)

If you would like to come along, please
call Jill on 01206 572605

Cost £6 per person

Next Lunch on Monday 10 February

 **St Stephen's**
Church Centre



ST STEPHEN'S BADMINTON CLUB FOR ADULTS

MEETING IN THE HALL ON
THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH

7:30 - 9:30 pm



Rainbow Tots

A warm and friendly group for you and your little one to meet and make friends in your local area.

**Wednesdays
(term time)**

**Fun free play
sessions with
rhyme time to
finish!**

1.15pm-2.30pm

**St Stephen's
Church
Canterbury Road
CO2 7RY**

**Snacks for the tots
& refreshments for
the adults**

**£1.50 per child
(+50p
additional
child)**



Baby & Toddler Group

Coffee morning

**Mondays 9 – 11 am
(term time)**

**Toys, singing,
fun and refreshments**



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Facebook message / 07847 846292



Little Lambs –

Parent/Carer and preschool group

Monday mornings in term time 9.30 – 11am
£1.50 per family

Playdough



Crafts



Physical Play



Small world –
Cars and garage
Kitchen and food
Animals



Houses and people
Baby toys

10.30 am **Snack time**

followed by

Carpet time - story and rhymes

Starting again

on Monday 6th January 2025

**St. Margaret's Church
CO2 8RA**

**Contact:
Carolyn
07748795926**

Contact Information

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The Church Office is normally open on:

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Facebook:

[St Stephen's Church, Colchester](#) & [St Margaret's Church, Colchester](#)

Church Wardens: Martin Kerins & Ian Brown—St Stephen's
Macie Ovenden—St Margaret's

For hiring / bookings contact: Andrew Topple in the Church Office

**For urgent prayer requests contact [Rev Anna](#), one of the Curates, our
[Community Worker Louise](#) or [Andrew in the office](#)**

The March newsletter should be available by Sunday 23 February. Please send any items to Andrew for inclusion as early as possible, and no later than

Monday 17 February to:

office@ststephens-colchester.org.uk