



# All the latest news for our communities for June 2025



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[www.ststephens-colchester.org.uk](http://www.ststephens-colchester.org.uk)

[www.stmargaretscolchester.org.uk](http://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 9:00—9:30 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 9:30 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 & 3rd Sunday of the month is Holy Communion, 2nd Sunday is All Aged Worship and Morning Worship on the 4th Sunday.

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**

Please email [office@ststephens-colchester.org.uk](mailto:office@ststephens-colchester.org.uk) for access details for this meeting

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

## Clergy Reflection

There are so many things I could write about, as I reflect this month: Pentecost on the horizon and progress being made with building projects, plus both churches have now had the APCMs and I received many responses to the church survey (27 from St Stephen's and 17 from St Margaret's - thank you to all those who responded!) There is much to digest and pray about, as I consider the responses alongside what I notice myself, and offer these thoughts to God, seeking his direction and response.

Often when I come to God with a huge list, and sadly yes, this happens frequently, God responds in a particular way. I come, heavy hearted, or out of breath (spiritually and physically probably), with many things on my mind and my heart. These are the times that (if I let him) I can almost feel God, let out a deep breath of peace on to me, as he asks me to sit and be. As I rally through my concerns and thoughts, his response is often a simple phrase. One that I have heard so many times from him, through so many ways, in response to a million questions, tears, and lists.

At first the three words confused me: 'yes God ok, but what about my questions?' And I would rush past the truth, seeking something I thought I needed. God knows what we need more, and he is full of patience to tell us over and over until it sinks into our bones. I am grateful that he has not given up telling me.

And so, for the month of Father's Day, I thought it was best if I shared the Father's words with you all, in a beautiful piece of poetry, entitled 'Heaven's Love Letter' compiled with promises from Scripture about how God feels about us.

Perhaps you will hear the three words from God to you as well. My prayer is that wherever you find yourself as you read this June newsletter, whoever you are, and whatever is going on in your world right now, that you will know that God loves you. God - as in the omnipotent Creator of the entire universe. Love - as in actually love, not just a duty or a default, but delights in, cherishes, likes, in a self-less, unconditional way, and does the best for the other. You - as in, you. I'll stop writing now, his words say it much better than I can.

Much love, Anna

### HEAVEN'S LOVE LETTER

Bishop Weeny Cayme-Kim November 1, 2005

My Beloved, ever dearest Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. (Psalm 139:1)

I know when you sit down and when you rise up. (Psalm 139:2)

I am familiar with all your way. (Psalm 139:3)

## *Clergy Refection Cont...*

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. (Matthew 10:29-31)

For you were made in my image. (Genesis 1:27)

In me you live and move and have your being. (Acts 17:28)

For you are my offspring. (Acts 17:28)

I knew you even before you were conceived. (Jeremiah 1:4-5)

I chose you when I planned creation. (Ephesians 1:11-12)

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. (Psalm 139:15-16)

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. (Acts 17:26)

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)

I knit you together in your mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)

And brought you forth on the day you were born. (Psalm 71:6)

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. (John 8:41-44)

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. (1 John 4:16)

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. (1 John 3:1)

Simply because you are my child and I am your father. (1 John 3:1)

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. (Matthew 7:11)

For I am the perfect father. (Matthew 5:48)

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. (James 1:17)

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. (Matthew 6:31-33)

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Because I love you with an everlasting love. (Jeremiah 31:3)

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. (Psalm 139:17-18)

And I rejoice over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

I will never stop doing good to you. (Jeremiah 32:40)

For you are my treasured possession. (Exodus 19:5)

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. (Jeremiah 32:41)

And I want to show you great and marvelous things. (Jeremiah 33:3)

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. (Deuteronomy 4:29)

Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)

For it is I who gave you those desires. (Philippians 2:13)

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)

For I am your greatest encourager. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. (Psalm 34:18)

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. (Isaiah 40:11)

### *Clergy Reflection Cont....*

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. (Revelation 21:3-4)  
And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. (Revelation 21:3-4)  
I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. (John 17:23)  
For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. (John 17:26)

He is the exact representation of my being. (Hebrews 1:3)  
He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. (Romans 8:31)  
And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)  
Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)  
His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. (1 John 4:10)  
I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. (Romans 8:31-32)

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. (1 John 2:23)  
And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. (Romans 8:38-39)  
Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. (Luke 15:7)  
I have always been your Father, and will always be a Father. (Ephesians 3:14-15)  
My question is...Will you be my child? (John 1:12-13)  
I am waiting for you. (Luke 15:11-32)

**Love, Your loving Dad, Almighty God**

### **Word from the Wardens**

Being my first 'Word from the Wardens', here is a bit of my history in the Parish of New Town & The Hythe. I've been worshipping at St Stephen's with my husband, Chris, since 1988 when we moved to Colchester. I am very pleased to say that some of the people who initially welcomed us are still regular attendees - you know who you are, and thank you!

A couple of months ago it was suggested to me that I might like to consider being a Churchwarden. I was certainly thinking about adding my name to some of the church rotas that currently have spaces, as I was wanting to raise my game regarding supporting the work of the church.

I often resort to YouTube for ideas and/or advice online. A very encouraging guy on one video about being a Churchwarden said you essentially just need to support the vicar, church members and people living in the parish. Say it quickly!



*Word from the Wardens Cont....*

Ian is a great fellow warden and I look forward to serving the community at St Stephen's in partnership with him. I have also picked the brains of our former wardens, John and Martin, who are hard acts to follow, but I already get the sense that each new warden brings their own flavour to the role. It is best to be yourself, after all.

I will be seeking God's help as I step out of my comfort zone to support Reverend Anna and to serve our church community, whilst engaging with the congregation at St Margaret's and the wider parish. I would welcome your prayers as I embark on this new chapter.

**Sheila Poole**

**On behalf of the Wardens**

## **PRAYER FOR ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES**

**Please pray for the people living in the following roads across out two parishes:**

**Week 1.** From 1 June Lisle Road, Claudius Road, Champion Road, Barrington Road, Queensland Drive, Brisbane Way, Melbourne Chase and Adelaide Drive



**Week 2.** From 8 June Gilberd Road. Sadler Close, Western Road, Beche Road, Hooper Avenue, Fowler Road and Foundation Way

**Week 3.** From 15 June Gladstone Road. Granville Road. Mytle Grove, The Willows, Holm Oak and Silverthorne Close

**Week 4.** From 22 June Morant Road. Harsnet Road, Kimberley Road, Meadow Road, Leas Road and Malting Road

**Week 5.** From 29 June Barrack Street, Provence Place, Challenge Way and Colne Point, Homefield Road, Homefield Road, Baronswood Way, Oakapple Close, Baronswood Way and Oakapple Close

## **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-colchester.org.uk](mailto:office@ststephens-colchester.org.uk) .

**Andrew Topple**

## **Bishop Guli's statement about the Government's Immigration White Paper**

Last week Bishop Guli issued a statement following the publication of the UK Government's Immigration White Paper on 12 May. The statement reads:

"It is entirely acceptable for any Government to build an immigration system which reflects the economic needs of the country and ensures that migration works for local communities, migrant workers and the wider British workforce. Sensible and nuanced policy conversations are needed to help encourage integration that builds community cohesion and prevents migrant exploitation. Addressing labour shortages should also not be at the expense of skills development and opportunities for domestic workers here in the UK. But I would also hope that the goals for our migration system could reflect the values we hold as a nation - fairness, opportunity, tolerance and respect. Because how we do things and how we communicate them is equally important.

"In the churches and different communities I am a part of, we are not an "island of strangers". Migrants are not "strangers" but friends who fully participate and contribute as we worship, serve and live life together. The vast majority have applied through official routes to come here to the UK to live, work and study and their contributions go far beyond a simple binary GDP evaluation.

"Political leaders must acknowledge that words matter because they influence how people perceive and treat vulnerable people. It can never be acceptable to dehumanise migrants as if they are not deserving of dignity, compassion and rights. The Christian faith enjoys a rich scriptural tradition to help us understand how God views the "stranger", in turn, therefore, modelling how we should do likewise. The divine pattern is clear in its inclusivity: the foreigner and outsider must be treated as equal, welcomed with love and accepted as neighbour.

"The White Paper does provide an opportunity to develop an integration strategy, with such proposals as accelerated citizenship and settlement for some migrants. I hope and pray the Government takes this opportunity to help unite communities rather than divide us further."

## **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](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)

# Thy Kingdom Come 2025



## Would you like to join a global movement of prayer?

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. This year marks the tenth anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come – a worldwide prayer movement inviting Christians around the world to intentional prayer for the 11 days from Ascension to Pentecost.

These days have always been full of expectation and anticipation. As the disciples waited, they devoted themselves constantly to prayer (Acts 1:14). So, the renewed call across the church is to set these days apart to pray, and for each individual to pray for five people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

Specifically, each Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

**Would you like to join? All you need to do is choose 5 people who you know are not yet Christians, and commit to pray for them from 29th May to 8th June 2025.**

You can find out more about it here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> There are many more ideas and resources, including a digital detox that looks very interesting! I would love to hear how you get on if you do decide to join in.

Happy Praying!

Rev'd Anna



# Bradwell Pilgrimage & Gathering 2025

## Saturday, 5th July 2025



Join us for the annual Bradwell Pilgrimage & Gathering, a day of faith, fellowship, and reflection in the beautiful and historic setting of Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex. This cherished tradition brings together people from all walks of life to celebrate our shared spiritual journey. This year's special guest, theologian, writer and broadcaster Elaine Storkey.

For more information [click here](https://bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk/) or on the link below:  
<https://bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk/>

### KEEP THE DATE FREE!

Dates that you might want to add into your diary for later this year:



**Joint Open Air Pentecost Service on the Recreation Ground**—Sunday 8 June starting at 11:00 am followed by refreshments at Wimpole Road afterwards.

**Church Camping Weekend** 13 to 15 June— please see newsletter for more information or refer to Chris Liddamore

**New Town Open Gardens** 6 July—refer to Louise Brown

**Holiday Club at Wimpole Road** 26-28 August—booking system is now open; [please click here](#) or go to our Facebook page and to reserve your place(s):

**New Town Community Day** 30 August— refer to Andrew Topple

## St Stephen's Youth Club Report Jan - March 2025

### Highlights from this term:

- Relationships between youth workers and young people continue to grow stronger.
- Young people are responding more positively towards staff, particularly around boundaries and expectations.
- Young people are more open to speaking to others outside of their friendship groups.
- Some of the older attendees have shown an interest in becoming young volunteers, so we are currently looking into possibilities with this.
- We have seen higher levels of involvement in structured and organised activities.

The team have started running monthly special events or themed sessions which have been really popular e.g. Quiz & Nachos Night.



### Most common topics of discussion:

School dynamics, healthy and unhealthy relationships, aspirations for the future, applying for college, home lives, hobbies



### Specific support given to young people this term:

- Discussions around sexual relationships, sexual health, consent and where to seek support
- Specific discussions around support for individual needs e.g. family relationships, difficulties at school, peer pressure, etc.

### What does engagement look like here?

- Young people love baking and working with staff to learn new skills,. This is youth led, for example, young people will make lists for staff to buy
- Young people take lead in sports in referee positions



- A wide variety of different activities for young people to engage in
- Staff listen to young peoples activity suggestions, which leads to increased engagement & collaborative working

**What were the biggest challenges this term?**

Individual transitions from younger to older session - Some attendees have been approaching the age where they need to attend the older session but they were worried about swapping because they enjoyed the first session so much! Youth workers supported them by reassuring them they could still do their favourite activities in the older session but they would be with others their age.

It has been important to support this transition as we have welcomed quite a few new year 5s & 6s recently and the age difference and maturity was very apparent between them and the group of Year 8s we had.

**WOW moments:**

- Person A - started being on the side-lines, sitting on his own and not necessarily engaging with others. He is now in a position where he helps staff and enjoys facilitating the activities.
- Person B - Was initially quite closed to youth workers and wouldn't speak much to adults. Youth workers spent time, gradually getting to know him better. He is now more open in his conversations with staff and has let his guard down a little. This is a big step for him.
- Person C - Initially seemed quite withdrawn and isolated from other young people. Through lots of gentle encouragement, she is now exploring new friendship groups, getting involved in conversations and making choices about the activities she gets involved in. It has been lovely to see her confidence increase.



**Becky Whitaker**

**Youth Services Manager, YMCA Essex**

# Pentecost

## OPEN AIR SERVICE

**Everyone is welcome to join us for an open air service to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Service to start at 11am with refreshments available after.**



**(At the Wimpole Road Church side of the Rec. A contingency plan in place for bad weather- will update if required)**

Wimpole Road Methodist Church Presents

# Deep Sea Divers

Holiday Club

25 to 28 August 2025 (incl.) 10 am – 2 pm



Scripture Union

To book your places please use the link below or see our Facebook or web site pages

Please [click here](#) to book your place(s)

# 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.



## 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



## Camping update Thorrington 13th to 15th June 2025

By the time you read this, it will be just a few weeks until our camping trip at Thorrington. We have finalised the prices below and would appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance so we can finalise numbers, especially for those staying in the limited indoor accommodation. This will also help us organise the fish and chip order for Friday night.



We have indoor accommodation that sleeps 14 people (in bunk beds) in different size rooms and the Fallen Log campsite, a beautiful open site set in the woods. Thorrington is a large, quiet scout campsite on the way to Brightlingsea that we are allowed to use as a church group.

The weekend is open to all ages, and you can stay for two nights, one night,

one day, or just the Saturday evening. It's very flexible and everyone is welcome, whether you're on your own or with family.

The rough plan for the weekend is to arrive around 4:30 pm on Friday, set up camp, and enjoy some fish and chips, which Sheila Poole has kindly offered to collect for us. Nearer the time, we will place an order. We'll then relax around the fire with our favourite drinks, and if we're lucky, some people may sing and play instruments.

On Saturday some people sit and read, while others go for a walk. If we're lucky, Chris Poole may arrange a nature walk. For tea, we'll have a group BBQ and share food that people bring. This is when some people join us for the evening or the day. We will also set up some camp games for people to play.

On Sunday, we hope to have our own outdoor worship before breaking camp after lunch. The site is around a 20-minute drive from our church.

Everything is very relaxed, with no pressure to do anything. People dip in and out of activities as they please. Everyone brings their own food, which works well. We have a fully working kitchen in the indoor accommodation, as well as showers and toilets on site. If you're staying in the indoor accommodation, please bring your own bedding.

We have finalised the prices for this year, and they are per person. Camping is £8 per person, with under-fives free. Indoor accommodation is £15 per person per night, and this includes two activities on Saturday. The evening visit for the

BBQ is £1.50. We have a small fund to help with costs if needed.



If you haven't been before, we hope to see you there! Please ask us if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
**Chris and Debbie Liddamore**  
**07752369612**



# VE DAY 80 YEARS

## CELEBRATION CONCERT



**HOSTED BY  
THE ABBEGATE CONCERT BAND**

Thank you to the Abbeygate Concert Band for performing, also thanks go to Tesco Hythe and East of England Co-Op for donating towards the refreshments for the afternoon.

We would also like to thank you for everyone who attended and the donations so kindly given to support the church and the band.

everyday  
**faith**



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

Sunday 22 June

Please Join us



# SINGING FOR FUN

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 Meeting Monday 23 June**

# Concorde Singers

**PROUDLY PRESENT**

**"THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC"**

**Celebrating 50 Years**

Conducted by: Margaret Notley  
Accompanied by: Barbara Cutter

**Saturday 12th July 2025**

**ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH CENTRE**

**Canterbury Road, CO2 7RY at 3.00pm**

**Tickets are £10.00 (children £5.00)**

**Refreshments and Pimms included**

**Tickets available at door or phone 01206 213065**

**Free Car Parking at St. George's School, Canterbury Road, CO2 7RU**

Sponsored by the  
**East of England Co-operative Society**

  
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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### Online:

[www.colchestercitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.colchestercitizensadvice.org.uk)

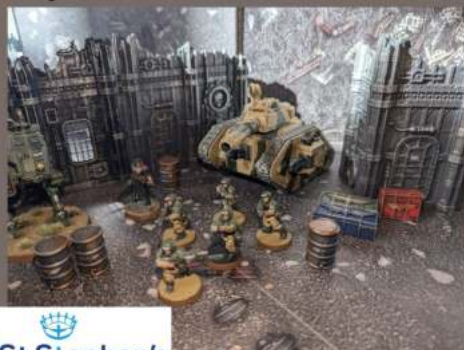
**Email:** [advice@colchestercab.org.uk](mailto:advice@colchestercab.org.uk)

**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**



Colchester





# 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 afternoons**

Tea and Company - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Knit and Natter - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Fun and Games - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Food for Thought - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
12.30pm - 1.45pm

Booking essential for catering purposes.  
Please book the week before.

If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month, there will  
be Fun and Games - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

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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here



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[becky.whitaker@ymcaessex.org.uk](mailto:becky.whitaker@ymcaessex.org.uk)

Lunch served from 12.30pm



Second Monday of the month (unless  
otherwise stated)

If you would like to come along, please  
call Louise on 07598251180

Cost £6 per person

# Next Lunch on Monday 9 June



St Stephen's  
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ST STEPHEN'S  
BADMINTON CLUB  
FOR ADULTS

Last Friday of Every Month  
7:30 - 9:30pm

St Stephen's Church Hall,  
Canterbury Road,  
Colchester, CO2 7RY



# ***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**



Contact us at: [wimpoleroadmc@gmail.com](mailto:wimpoleroadmc@gmail.com) /  
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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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

**Contact:  
Carolyn  
07748795926**

# Contact Information

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**Curate: Rev Belinda Kerins**

**Community Worker : Louise Brown**

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Mobile: 07598 251 180

**Administrator: Andrew Topple**

The Church Office is normally open on:

Tuesday 9 am– 2 pm , Wednesday 12 noon - 4 pm & Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

Tel: 01206 869091

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## **Safeguarding**

If you have a Safeguarding concern please report this to our Safeguarding Offices:

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Church Wardens: Ian Brown & Sheila Poole—St Stephen's

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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 July newsletter should be available by Sunday 29 June. Please send any items to

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