



All the latest news for our communities for July 2026



be, belong, encounter, grow

Keep up to date on our websites:

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 9:00—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

Weekly Prayer Meetings at 9:00 on Monday & 10:00 on Tuesday via Zoom

Please email Andrew on office@ststephens-colchester.org.uk for access details for these meetings



Clergy Reflection

Wellbeing

One of my roles in the Colchester Deanery is the Wellbeing Champion for our area, and in this capacity I recently shared some reflections with our local clergy at one of our meetings. Rather than being an expert in wellbeing, how I understand the role is primarily to ensure that wellbeing stays on the agenda, is valued and understood.

Wellbeing is about our health as a whole: our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. It is about our flourishing; thriving not just surviving. It makes me think of the promise in John 10:10 - Jesus came that we might have life - in all its fullness. It can be easy to think that we should be satisfied with less, that it might be greedy or selfish to desire more than our basic needs. Sometimes we can deem ourselves to be undeserving, and therefore disqualify ourselves from wanting or seeking fulfilment. In our world where we often equate that joyful picture of flourishing as a reward or a mark of success, we can easily think that we need to earn this, before we can enjoy it.

God gave his people the Sabbath. When his people were fleeing slavery in Egypt, journeying through the wilderness, he gave them this gift, in the form of a command, so that they would have what they needed. His people were to abstain from work for one day, out of the 7 day week, reflecting the exact pattern that God himself first demonstrated in his work of the creation of our very world. This Sabbath day is very special: abstaining from work meant that they could not fend for themselves, they needed to rely on and trust God that he would provide (and he did). It also set them apart from other people: no other tribe or people lived like this, this was in complete contrast to slavery where they were overworked and exploited. God's plan is for his people to thrive: to be fulfilled in work and rest. In living this way, God's people depend on him and become a witness to others.

We know that overwork leads to exhaustion, burnout, physical and mental health problems; in turn this damages relationships and our communities. All aspects of our wellbeing are connected, if our physical health is suffering, this can impact our emotional and spiritual health and so on. Just like we as people are connected, when one of us suffers, it impacts the community. For this reason, we know that our wellbeing matters to God. He not only gives us

Clergy reflection cont...

permission to do so, but commands us (all of God's commandments promote wellbeing for all people). We accept that there are limits within our world and bodies, and things that we cannot control that might negatively impact our wellbeing - but we cling to the hope and promise of Jesus that his Kingdom is here and parts of it do break through.

The Sabbath is not the only way we can practice wellbeing, but it is a start. Practicing a day of rest means a level of surrender. This is going to look very different for us all, depending on our lives and our responsibilities. For some, this might mean doing less. If you find yourself grumbling that you have too much on and not enough time, then that may be a conversation to have with God. If you find yourself drowning in responsibilities, this can be very overwhelming, and this is not supposed to feel like another thing. Sabbath is freedom. Sabbath is a pause. Sabbath is God's gift: not for when you earn it, deserve it or have all the jobs done, but for now - for every week. It might be that a whole day is not possible right now, but it might be that there is something you could put down once a week that gives some rest. For example, can your Sabbath be a day of minimal housework, easy food, no things booked that cause stress, quiet days at home, no homework, what about no phones and being present with those you're with?

I'm writing about Sabbath today because I believe this is something that could have a huge impact on everyone's wellbeing, as individuals and in turn our community. How different would things look if everyone was a bit more rested? I would love to see us thriving, and I believe that God longs for that too.

Rev Anna

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

Word from the Wardens

The last few months, since I wrote for this newsletter, have been rather up and down. Personally I found myself in hospital with a series of very bad problems and I'm still working my way back to being full health, it's not going to be easy, and it's certainly not going to be quick, but my time in hospital gave me reflection. My first four days in hospital I didn't even watch TV or listen to music. The only time I touched my phone was to share a few messages between family. I spent a lot of time praying for everything to be better, and for the nurses to stop doing blood pressure tests every 4 hours.. Certainly didn't want to have IV drips put into me every six hours even though it was good for me it was awkward being woken up all times at night and day. The food was okay and nurses were brilliant, the people that came to visit me were amazing but the thing to hit me most when I first went in was disconnection, not from people or civilization or family or friends but how I felt disconnected from God. I'm not the most active prayer in the world and I certainly don't like praying out loud but I have found myself praying a little more, when I have those quiet times when I don't have my phone in my hand and a screen in my face. I'm starting to make sure I give God my time. Maybe we all could look at being more generous with our time, especially to God.

Ian Brown
Church Warden
St Stephens Church, Canterbury Rd

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 on and as well as the "Events" page on our web site.

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



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.



Camping Weekend at Thorrington

We recently returned from our eleventh annual visit to the Thorrington scout campsite, as a church we hire the fallen log site and the papillon indoor accommodation .

This year, we had 21 individuals camping on Friday and 34 on Saturday night, utilizing both indoor and outdoor accommodations. Additionally, we were delighted to host numerous day visitors on both days.



We were quite fortunate with the weather. Our sincere thanks go to Sheila for arranging the fish and chips, Pete for providing the group tent and cooker, Ian for expertly grilling the barbecue food and building excellent fires, Chris P for managing the finances, and Debs for baking delicious scones for everyone. Special appreciation also goes to the Sunday morning team of Pete, Anna, Gill, and Sheila for the outdoor music and worship.

Among the many memorable moments were:

- A special tribute to Yvonne Richards. A families worker at our church. Pete kindly brought along a 3-liter bottle of Moët & Chandon Champagne, which he won 14 years ago as a prize donated by Paul Daniels. We were all able to raise a toast to this lovely lady
- Playing Mölkky and other sports.
- Watching the children enjoy the 3D maze and witnessing Rajesh excel at the slingshot.
- Seeing Eddie survive in his tent that was a foot too small, combined with Denise always having a smile on her face despite having a hole in her tent.
- Having a group BBQ
- My friend Wes delivered an excellent campfire and received an award for his 40 years in scouting and for contributing so much to the scouting movement over the years.



This camping experience is made possible only by the participation of everyone, and we extend our

Camping Weekend at Thorrington Cont.....

gratitude to all who attended and supported this event.

It was truly wonderful to see new faces this year and to witness both children and adults enjoying the outdoors.

My friend Wes spoke about the scout family, which reminded me of our church family—how we are comprised of many parts, experiencing both challenges and wonderful times together.

We are contemplating hosting Thorrington during the August bank holiday next year and are close to making it a three-night camping extravaganza. Please let us know if you believe this idea might be feasible.

Thank you

Chris and Debbie Liddamore

Please join us for a CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

In loving memory of YVONNE RICHARDS

01/02/1950 - 07/06/2026

Friday, 3rd July, 2026 @ 4pm

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

St John's Close

Colchester

Essex

CO4 0HP

Refreshments to follow

RSVP BY 26th June Michelle 07717 706 722 (text only please).

We would love for you to join us and share your favourite memories, stories and of course jokes of Yvonne.

Michelle

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 .

Andrew Topple



Friends of St Leonard-at-the-Hythe

Events for 2026

Please see our Facebook page: **Friends of St Leonard-at-the-Hythe Colchester**
@Fosl Colchester

and our Website: www.stleonard-at-the-hythe.org.uk
for further details and up to date information

All are very welcome at all our events and open days. Refreshments available.

Most events are free entry with donations welcomed. Ticketed events are indicated.

We are open every Tuesday from 12noon til 2pm

And Saturdays 2-4pm (normally the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month).

July:

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| 5 th Sunday | New Town Open Garden's + 1:00-5:00 pm |
| 10 th Friday 6.30pm | Bellringing |
| 18 th Saturday 6-9pm | Beer and Hymns Our annual celebration of traditional hymns played on our organ and enjoy local beer! |
| 29 th Wednesday 7pm | The Adages (Folk group) |
| TBC: | Giulia Cipriani (Soprano) and friends. A special preview of her Castle Park concert in August. |



Friends of St Leonard-at-the-Hythe

Events for 2026 cont...

August:

5th Wednesday 7pm **An evening of tribute to Dave Shepherd** – Internationally renowned folk musician who has played at and supported us at St Leonard's , who passed away earlier this year

14th Friday 6.30pm **Bellringing**

14th Friday 7.30pm TICKETED EVENT

Quill and Inking Theatre production 'The Cursed Ring; A Viking Saga

29th Saturday 10am – 3pm **Craft fair** with strawberries and cream

30th Sunday 4pm **Evening Prayer Service**

September:

11th Friday 6.30pm **Bellringing**

Heritage open days . Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th
We will open from 10am until 4pm

October:

9th Friday 6.30pm **Bellringing**

November:

13th Friday 6.30pm **Bellringing**

29th Sunday 4pm **Evening Prayer Service**

December:

11th Friday 6.30pm **Bellringing**

18th Friday 7pm for 7.30pm **Carol Service**

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 13 July

PRAYER FOR ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

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

Week 1. From 5 July, Falcon Crescent, Port Lane, St Leonards, Chandlers Row, Cairns Road, Armidale Walk and Onslow Crescent, Queen Elizabeth Way

Week 2. From 12 July Magdalen Street. Simonds Lane, Brook Street, Magdalen Green, Pier Close, Henry Everett Grove and Aggregate Walk, Terling Close

Week 3. From 19 July, Mersea Road. Nancy Smith Close, Meyrick Crescent, Homefield Road, Baronswood Way, Oakapple Close , Middlewick Close

Week 4. From 26 July, Pownall Crescent, King George Road, Midland Close, Sandringham Drive, Christopher Jolly Court, Bardfield Road, Berefield Way, Inworth Walk , Beeleigh Close

Anybody who wants to Prayer Walk these roads please do.





NEW TOWN OPEN GARDENS+

***Sunday 5th July 2026
1-5pm***

***Programmes available to buy from St
Stephen's Church and Wimpole Road
churches (when open) Wimpole Road
Co Op Store and the Hollyhock Cafe at
the Recreation Ground from 25th June.***

Also available on the day!

£3 each

***For more information please see the
facebook page!***



**St Stephen's
CHURCH**



**East of
England
COOP**



**Hollyhock
Café**



**Wimpole Road
METHODIST CHURCH**

PYRAMID ROCK

Holiday Club Wimpole Road Methodist Church

Holiday Club 2026 will run from Monday 24 - Wednesday 26 August
from 10 am - 2 pm

Places will be limited and we have been oversubscribed over the last few years. If you would like to reserve your place(s), please book as soon as possible by [clicking here](#) or on the link below:.

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e/1FAIpQLSdt_VMmFEFc_jOR9MWcNOXrH4yNKmZx25lBA74G22OI6dibjg/
viewform?usp=pp_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt_VMmFEFc_jOR9MWcNOXrH4yNKmZx25lBA74G22OI6dibjg/viewform?usp=pp_url)

Many thanks and look forward to seeing you in the summer.



Friends of St Leonard-at-the-Hythe

Please [click here](#) to view the May edition of the
Friends of St Leonard-at-the-Hythe Newsletter

*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



Wimpole Road Methodist Church

FOR THE NEW TOWN COMMUNITY



YOUR PETS ARE INVITED TO OUR

Pet Service

DATE **Sunday 26th July 2026** TIME **11:00 am**



"The wolf will live with the lamb... they will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain."
Isaiah 11:6-9



Celebrating God's love for all creatures great and small



Dogs (on lead)



Cats (in carrier)



Rabbits



Birds (in cage)



Fish

Pet too big? Bring a picture - No pet? Everyone is welcome!



Reptiles



Small animals

LEGO CLUB


St Stephen's
CHURCH

Come along brick fans of all ages for a free Lego club on the 4th Saturday of the month at St Stephen's.

Different activities and challenges to join in with lead by The BrickMan.

Children to be supervised.

Running 10am-12midday at The Hub.

**Every 4th
Saturday of the month!**



Colchester Keyboard Concerts

**St Margaret's Church Hall
Stansted Road, Colchester CO2 8RA**

Sundays at 2:30 pm.

Entrance fee £10 (all inclusive)

2026 Concert Programme:

Sunday 12 July — Michael Wooldridge

Sunday 9 August — Andy Nix

Sunday 13 September — David Ingley

Sunday 11 October — Matthew Bason

Sunday 8 November — Daniel Watt

Sunday 20 December — Chris & Jo





**PLEASE
JOIN US**



**Explore villages and parish churches by bike or on foot.
Enjoy exercise, meet new people and raise much
needed funds for your church**

On the second Saturday in September each year, 30
counties across the UK 'Ride & Stride' to raise money to
help preserve and improve our historic church buildings.



SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2026

For further information scan the QR code or visit
www.friendsofessexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride



Charity No 236033



**Mal is planning to ride again this year and is hoping to visit
about 30 Churches to raise funds for Friends of Essex
Churches and St Stephen's. If you would like to join him (and
you are brave enough!) please speak to Mal**

West Mersea Parish Church
invites you to a Taizé service

Taizé



6.00pm Sunday 19 July 2026

West Mersea Parish Church
High Street
West Mersea CO5 8QD

Cantus Firmus Choir
Norman Eastbrook MBE, conductor
Sharon Tidbury, piano
Christina Volkmann, flute
Service led by Howard Gardner

Retiring collection towards expenses

 cantus
firmus

Cantus Firmus is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, No. 01150862



GreenChristian

Colchester Group
invites you to

Exploring Eco Church

Greening your Church

Jo Herbert-James

Head of Engagement,
A Rocha UK



Rt Revd Roger Morris,
Bishop of Colchester

(video presentation)
Chelmsford Diocesan
Environmental Lead

Linda Percival

Chelmsford Diocesan
Eco Church Advocate



Saturday 17th October 2026

Christ Church, Ireton Road, Colchester, Essex CO3 3AT.

9.30am Registration

10.00am to 4.00pm programme:

- Theology: climate change
- Eco Church: A Rocha's Bronze, Silver and Gold awards
- Workshops

**Suggested
donation: £10**

(payable on arrival)

Please bring your own lunch; drinks provided throughout the day.

Further information: please text to Howard Gardner 07831 101323

Green Christian is a charitable company, reg.no. 328744; charity no. 02445198.



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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- Debt or money advice
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- 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.



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

Meeting in the hall or the back of the Church on
Sunday 12 & 26 July





St Stephen's Youth Club



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

Thursdays
term-time only

6.30 - 8pm
School years 5 - 8

8 - 9.15pm
School years 8 - 12

FREE!



Sign up
here

- Meet new people
- Learn new skills
- Access support & advice
- Sports, baking, gardening, music, quizzes, craft & more!

Any questions, please contact:

becky.whitaker@ymcaessex.org.uk

YMCA

Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you


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](#)

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4TH-5TH JULY 2026

 EXPERT GUIDE
 MENIN GATE CEREMONY
 OVERNIGHT STAY
 BREAKFAST INCLUDED



VISIT POWERFUL WWI MEMORIALS & TRENCHES



ATTEND THE MENIN GATE CEREMONY AT 8:00 PM



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TOUR OVERVIEW

Join us on the 4th July for an exceptional opportunity to visit some of Belgium's most poignant First World War memorials and preserved trench systems, brought to life through the insight and expertise of our dedicated guide. With an overnight stay in Ypres, this memorable experience also includes the chance to attend the world-renowned Menin Gate Ceremony at 8:00 pm.



MOVING MEMORIALS



PRESERVED TRENCHES



MENIN GATE CEREMONY

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The journey begins in Colchester, with pick-ups from 7:00 am. Once all passengers are on board, we will travel to Le Shuttle to board the train to France before continuing into Belgium, where John, our experienced guide, will provide fascinating insight as we explore this historic and moving region.



WHAT'S INCLUDED



Included in the price of this trip are all transport arrangements, complimentary bottled water, and an overnight stay at the Flanders Lodge Hotel, with breakfast included. Every detail has been carefully planned to provide a comfortable, enriching, and memorable travel experience.

PRICE & ACCOMMODATION

PRICE:
£155
 PER PERSON

Based on twin-room accommodation.

A single-room supplement of £75 applies.



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WHY JOIN US?

- ✓ Visit some of the most moving First World War memorials and preserved trench systems in Belgium
- ✓ Experience the powerful and unforgettable Menin Gate Ceremony in Ypres
- ✓ Travel in comfort with all transport arrangements taken care of for you
- ✓ Enjoy expert insight and fascinating commentary throughout the trip
- ✓ Relax with an overnight hotel stay and breakfast included in the price



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- European trips require a valid passport.
- All European trips include a comfort stop at Stop 24 services before heading to the check-in terminal.
- Please ensure you have all required travel documents before departure.
- Estimated return times are subject to traffic conditions, Eurotunnel delays and UK Border Force checks.
- All trips are transport only unless otherwise stated.
- Seats are limited and many trips sell out early.
- Full payment is required before departure.

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

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PICK-UP POINTS

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| <p>STANDARD PICK-UPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 am Orchard Baptist Church, Mersa Road • 7:10 am St Margaret's Church, Stansted Road • 7:20 am Bus Stop, Ladbrooke Drive, Abbots Road • 7:30 am Old Heath Garage, Bus Stop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:40 am Old Heath Co-op • 7:50 am Old Heath Recreation Ground • 8:00 am St Stephen's Church, Canterbury Road • 8:10 am Mersa Road Bus Stop, opposite Roberts Road • 8:30 am Crouch Street, by the old cinema |
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ADDITIONAL PICK-UPS BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT

- ✓ Mersa Island
- ✓ Wivenhoe
- ✓ Brightlingsea
- ✓ Stanway Tollgate

All times are estimated and may be subject to change. Please book additional pick-ups when booking your place.

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- 📅 Book your place
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JULY 2026

SAT 11 JULY

DUNKIRK, FRANCE POPULAR TRIP

Enjoy a relaxing day in Dunkirk with time for duty-free shopping, a visit to the Auchan Hypermarket, and free time to explore the seafront, cafes and sandy beaches.

£80 PP

🕒 Departs 7:30am 🕒 Returns 9:00pm

SAT 18 JULY

MENIN GATE, YPRES PASSPORT REQUIRED

Experience the moving Last Post Ceremony at the world-famous Menin Gate. Enjoy time to explore the historic town of Ypres before this unforgettable evening of remembrance.

£90 PP

🕒 Departs 8:30am 🕒 Returns 11:30pm

MON 20 JULY

PLEASUREWOOD HILLS

A fantastic family day out packed with thrilling rides, live entertainment and fun attractions.

£60 PP

Entrance included.

🕒 Departs 9:00am 🕒 Returns 6:00pm

THU 23 JULY

ORWELL RIVER TRIP

Relax and unwind on a scenic three-hour cruise along the beautiful River Orwell, including a traditional afternoon tea served on board.

£78 PP

🕒 Departs 11:30am 🕒 Returns 6:30pm

SAT 25 JULY

BOULOGNE-SUR-MER PASSPORT REQUIRED

Discover the charm of Boulogne's historic old town, wander the cobbled streets, visit the cathedral and enjoy coffee, shopping or lunch at your leisure.

£80 PP

🕒 Departs 7:30am 🕒 Returns 9:00pm

MON 27 JULY

BRIGHTON

Enjoy a classic seaside day in Brighton. Stroll along the famous pier, browse the Lanes, relax on the beach or enjoy fish and chips by the sea.

£45 PP

🕒 Departs 8:30am 🕒 Returns 9:00pm

THU 30 JULY

DE PANNE, BELGIUM PASSPORT REQUIRED

Explore Belgium's beautiful coastal resort of De Panne, famous for its wide sandy beaches, promenade cafes, shops and relaxed seaside atmosphere.

£80 PP

🕒 Departs 7:30am 🕒 Returns 9:00pm

AUGUST 2026

TUE 4 AUG

ROARR! NORFOLK

Step into a world of prehistoric adventure at ROARR! Enjoy dinosaurs, attractions, play zones and family fun. Entrance included.

£60 PP

🕒 Departs 8:30am 🕒 Returns 6:00pm

SAT 8 AUG

DUNKIRK, FRANCE POPULAR TRIP

Enjoy a relaxing day in Dunkirk with time for duty-free shopping, a visit to the Auchan Hypermarket, and free time to explore the seafront, cafes and sandy beaches.

£80 PP

🕒 Departs 7:30am 🕒 Returns 9:00pm

MON 10 AUG

WINDSOR

Spend the day in historic Windsor. Walk the famous Long Walk, browse the shops, enjoy riverside cafes and soak up the royal atmosphere.

£50 PP

🕒 Departs 8:30am 🕒 Returns 7:00pm

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THU 20 AUG

LONDON SIGHTS

Enjoy a day in the capital with free time to explore London's iconic landmarks, shops, museums and attractions at your own pace.

£45 PP

🕒 Departs 8:30am 🕒 Returns 9:00pm

WED 26 AUG

NORTH NORFOLK RAILWAY

Enjoy fish and chips aboard a heritage steam train through the beautiful Norfolk countryside. A memorable day combining classic railway travel, beautiful scenery and great food.

£70 PP

🕒 Departs 12:30pm 🕒 Returns 8:30pm

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- Old Heath Recreation Ground
- St Stephen's Church, Canterbury Road
- Mersea Road Bus Stop, opposite Roberts Road
- Crouch Street, by the old cinema

Additional pick-ups can be arranged for Mersea Island, Wivenhoe, Brightlingsea and Stanway Tollgate by prior arrangement.

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St Stephen's
CHURCH



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



Join us for...

SINGING FOR FUN

Come along to St Stephen's Church, Canterbury Road
for an afternoon of musical singing fun!

**Sing along to lots of the old time favourite songs
from stage, screen and everything in between!**

4th Monday of the
month
12.30-2pm

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 12.30-1PM.
SINGING FROM 1PM -2PM.**



Next Meetings Monday 25 May

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



Silver Threads at St. Margaret's



**A warm welcome awaits
you every
Wednesday afternoon**

Come along for refreshments &
company and a variety of activities
between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm

On the 4th Wednesday of each month join
us for lunch with "Food for Thought"

12.30pm - 1.45pm

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



WEDNESDAYS
TERM TIME ONLY

1.15PM - 2.45PM

ADULT AND CHILD FRIENDLY PLAYGROUP

FOR AGES 0-4YRS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Baby & Toddler Group

Coffee morning

**Mondays 9 – 11 am
(term time)**

**Toys, singing,
fun and refreshments**



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Little Lambs -

Parent/carer and preschool group

Monday mornings In term time 9.30 - 11am
£1.50 per family

Playdough



Crafts



Physical Play



Baby toys



Small world -

Cars and garage
Kitchen and food
Animals
Houses and people

10.30 am Snack time

followed by
Carpet time - story and rhymes

Everyone Welcome!



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Safeguarding

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

St Stephen's—Michael Watkins safeguarding@ststephens-colchester.org.uk

St Margaret's—Kevin Reynolds safeguarding@stmargaretscolchester.org.uk

or phone 07934 486003

Website: ststephens-colchester.org.uk & stmargaretscolchester.org.uk

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

Julie Reynolds—St Margaret's

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

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

The August newsletter should be available by Sunday 26 July. Please send any items to

Andrew for inclusion as early as possible, and no later than

Tuesday 21 July to:

office@ststephens-colchester.org.uk