

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 19th March *(The Third Sunday of Lent)*

9:45am Morning Service at *St Botolph's*  
11:00am Morning Service at *St Peter's*  
6:30pm Joint Evening Service at *Castle Methodist*

### Tuesday 21st March

*no JRM\* Community Group this week*

### Wednesday 22nd March

10:30am Communion Service at *St Peter's*

### Thursday 23rd March

8:00pm CFM\* Community Group at *4 Bryanstone Mews*

### Saturday 25th March

3:00pm Hayden & Georgina's Wedding at *St Peter's*

### Sunday 26th March *(The Fourth Sunday of Lent)*

9:45am Communion Service at *St Botolph's*  
11:00am Morning Service at *St Peter's*  
6:30pm Joint Evening Service at *Castle Methodist*

*The focus of each Community Group is as follows:*

- \* *FFM: Faithful Friends Ministries (Tuesday lunchtimes)*
- \* *JRM: Jericho Road Ministries (Tuesday evenings)*
- \* *CFM: Children & Family Ministries (Thursday evenings)*

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**Don't forget:** the clocks go forward next weekend. BST begins in the early hours of next Sunday morning - don't be late...!

**Hayden & Georgina are getting married...** and everyone at St Peter's is invited to join them. The wedding will be at St Peter's, at 3pm on Saturday (25th March).

**"Make a Mother's Day" (26th March).** To celebrate Mother's Day at St Peter's, we will again be holding a Gift Day to enable us to sponsor children in developing countries, and to *Make a Mother's Day* - through Compassion UK. For more information, please see the leaflets in the pews today.

**Celebration Evening for the Guest House Project.** The Celebration Evening is being planned in for Tuesday 28th March, at 7:00pm in the Hall.

**The Annual Church Meetings.** This year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Wednesday 29th March, in the Hall at 8:00pm. All welcome.

**An evening with Stuart Townsend.** All Saints Church in Fordham will be hosting an event with the worship songwriter Stuart Townsend on Sunday 2nd April at 6pm. Tickets are available via [www.fordhamchurch.org.uk/events/](http://www.fordhamchurch.org.uk/events/) or contact their office (01206 243262).

**Stall sale.** Geraldine Joslin and Ken Cooke will be having a stall sale on Saturday 8th April for the fabric fund. They need Bric a brac (excluding clothing) and your unused Christmas presents, and will accept items at any time. Thank you.

**St George's Day Civic Service.** We welcome the Mayor and the Civic Party for this annual service at St Peter's on Sunday 23rd April.

*Any notices for inclusion should be emailed or posted to the Vicar's PA (see over for contact details) by 9:15am on Thursday. Thank you.*

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## A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

Our service this morning is led by Mark Wallace. Please stay on for refreshments after the service, which will be brought to you in the pews. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the Welcoming Team or contact any of the people in the "Contact details" section at the back of this leaflet.

If you have younger children with you today, then please feel free to bring them to SPK (St Peter's Kids, for all those up to and including Year 6) in the Church Hall during the first hymn. If it's your first visit, we will ask you to complete a short Registration Form, but you are then welcome to leave your children in their groups and return to join us in the service. The children will be returned to church for the All-Age Zone towards the end of the service.

**Thank you for joining us today.**

# Morning Service

**Sunday 19th March 2017**

*The Third Sunday of Lent*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### HYMN: Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness...*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Thomas Chisholm, © 1923, Hope Publishing*

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## CONFESSION

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence  
and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## PSALM 115

Not to us, O LORD, not to us,  
**but to your name give glory,**  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness!

**Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"**

Our God is in the heavens;  
**he does all that he pleases.**

Their idols are silver and gold,  
**the work of human hands.**  
They have mouths, but do not speak;  
**eyes, but do not see.**  
They have ears, but do not hear;  
**noses, but do not smell.**

They have hands, but do not feel;  
**feet, but do not walk;**  
and they do not make a sound in their throat.  
**Those who make them become like them;**  
so do all who trust in them.

**O Israel, trust in the LORD!**

He is their help and their shield.

**O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!**

He is their help and their shield.

**You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!**

He is their help and their shield.

**The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;**

he will bless the house of Israel;

**he will bless the house of Aaron;**

he will bless those who fear the LORD,

**both the small and the great.**

May the LORD give you increase,

**you and your children!**

May you be blessed by the LORD,

**who made heaven and earth!**

The heavens are the LORD's heavens,

**but the earth he has given to the children of man.**

The dead do not praise the LORD,

**nor do any who go down into silence.**

But we will bless the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Praise the LORD!**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**HYMN: Jesus is king and I will extol him**

Jesus is king and I will extol him,  
give him the glory, and honour his name;  
he reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,  
Word of the Father, exalted for us.

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,  
gone through the curtain and touching the throne;  
we have a Priest who is there interceding,  
pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

We come to him, our Priest and Apostle,  
clothed in his glory and bearing his name;  
laying our lives with gladness before Him,  
filled with his Spirit we worship the king.

O Holy One, our hearts do adore you,  
thrilled with your goodness we give you our praise;  
angels in light with worship surround him  
Jesus, our Saviour, forever the same.

*Wendy Churchill, © 1982, Authentic*

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**THE SECOND READING: Romans 5 v 12-21**

page 942 of the pew Bibles

read by Lizzie Wallace

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**HYMN: Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

*alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia...*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened up to you;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia...*

*Karen Lafferty, © 1972, Maranatha Music*

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**THE SERMON**

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

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**THE CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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### **HYMN: The kingdom of God is justice and joy**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;  
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

*Bryn Rees, © 1973, Mrs Olwen Scott*

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### **THE PRAYERS**

*The Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent:*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Intercessions  
led by Peter Holden

*At the end of the prayers...*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

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### **THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES**

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#### **HYMN: Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim**

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;  
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

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### **THE CONCLUSION**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

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