

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 26th March (Mothering Sunday)

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

Monday 27th March

4:00pm Playball in the Church Hall

Tuesday 28th March

12 noon FFM* Community Group in the Church Hall
7:00pm Celebration Evening for the Guest House Project in the Church Hall

Wednesday 29th March

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's
8:00pm AMP & APCM in the Church Hall

Thursday 30th March

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

Sunday 2nd April (The Fifth Sunday of Lent)

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

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

Make a Mother's Day 2017. Today is Mothering Sunday, and we will be taking up a Gift Day Collection as we seek to continue our sponsorship of our two sponsored children for the year ahead. For more information, there are leaflets available in church.

Baptisms at St Peter's. Easter is traditionally the time of year when people consider getting baptised as a sign of their commitment to the Lord Jesus. If you might be interested in baptism (or being confirmed, if you were baptised as a child), please talk with Mark.

The Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group. The next meeting will be on Tuesday (28th March) at 12noon, starting with a light lunch.

Celebration Evening for the Guest House Project. This Tuesday (28th March) there is an evening to celebrate all that has been achieved and to thank everyone who has helped with the Guest House Project this winter. All are welcome.

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.

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

Cake Sale for our sponsored children. After the service on Easter Sunday, the children in SPK & Creche will be selling homemade cakes. All the money raised will be sent to our sponsored children and their family as an Easter gift from our church family.

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 Rev 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 26th March 2017

Mothering Sunday

HYMN: All My Days (Beautiful Saviour)

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails:
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated, and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And You reign, You reign over all.*

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
where countless worshippers will share one song
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And You reign, You reign over all.*

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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.**

THE FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34 v 1-6, 11-24

page 722 of the pew Bibles

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Meekness and majesty

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify prays: "Father, forgive."

*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible, in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God,
this is your God.*

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THE SECOND READING: John 10 v 1-21
page 896 of the pew Bibles

At the end of the reading...
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN: I I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

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I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

H.Bonar (1808-89)

THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Aella Gage

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.**

HYMN: The King of love my shepherd is

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
a ransomed soul, he leads me;
and where the fertile pastures grow,
with food from heaven feeds me.

Perverse and foolish I have strayed,
but in his love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear Lord, beside me;
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.

You spread a banquet in my sight
of love beyond all knowing;
and O the gladness and delight
from your pure chalice flowing!

And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house for ever!

H.W. Baker (1821-1877), © in this version Jubilate Hymns

THE PRAYERS

The Collect for Mothering Sunday:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Sheila Lloyd

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.**

THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

HYMN: By faith

By faith we see the hand of God,
in the light of creation's grand design;
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise in their hearts;
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward,
till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear;
with the power to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth

*We will stand as children of the promise,
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward,
till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward,
till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

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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.**
