

## DIARY DETAILS

### 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*

### Tuesday 4th April

*no FFM\* Community Group this week*  
*no JRM\* Community Group this week*

### Wednesday 5th April

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

### Thursday 6th April

*no CFM\* Community Group this week*

### Saturday 8th April

all day Stall Sale in *Lion Walk car park*

### Sunday 9th April (*Palm Sunday*)

9:45am Communion Service at *St Botolph's*  
11:00am Morning 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

**THANK YOU...** to everyone who gave so generously towards our Make a Mother's Day Gift Day. We have raised over £650.

**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. If you would like to help at the stall, even if only for half an hour, they would appreciate any help offered. Please speak to Geraldine (795768).

**Good Friday Walk of Witness.** Colchester churches are organising a Walk of Witness through the town centre. Please meet in Essex Street at 11:45am (off Headgate). There will also be an evening service at the Mercury Theatre on Good Friday, at 7:30pm. For more information, please see noticeboard.

**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.

**Lunchtime Community Group.** The next date for this lunchtime group that meets regularly around lunchtime, will be on Tuesday 18th April. There will be no meeting on 4th April.

**April Prayer Card.** This is available in church today.

**Please note...** that the Vicar is away on a family holiday this week, but will be back in time for next Sunday.

*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 Aella Gage. 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. As there is no All-Age Zone today, please collect your children from the Hall after the service.

## Thank you for joining us today.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face  
bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
every bitter thought, every evil deed  
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now, the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us!  
What a life, what a cost:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

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# Communion Service

**Sunday 2nd April 2017**

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

## HYMN: O to see the dawn

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

## PRAYERS OF PREPARATION & CONFESSION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### **THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.**

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### **THE FIRST READING: Psalm 23**

page 458 of the pew Bibles  
read by Lenny Lewis

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **HYMN: The Lord's my shepherd**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
and I will trust in You alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and He anoints my head with oil;  
and my cup, it overflows with joy -  
I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust in You alone...*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one;  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
and I will trust in You alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

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### **THE SECOND READING: John 10 v 22-42**

page 896-897 of the pew Bibles  
read by Rosemary Milne

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **THE SERMON**

preacher: Peter Holden

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### **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

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## **THE PRAYERS**

led by Richard Lawn

*These responses may be used during the prayers*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our  
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

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## **HYMN: Behold the Lamb**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
slain for us - and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace -  
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
torn for you - eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love -  
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you - drink and remember  
he drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace -  
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
to respond - and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering  
we proclaim Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heaven -  
around the table of the King.

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## **COMMUNION**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise. It is indeed  
right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in  
all places to give you thanks and praise, holy  
Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great  
high priest, who has loosed us from our sins and  
has made us to be a royal priesthood to you, our  
God and Father.**

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all  
the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and  
glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna  
in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your  
tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our  
redemption; who made there by his one oblation of  
himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient  
sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the  
whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel  
commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of  
his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, on the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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 it is 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*When ushered, please come forwards to receive communion at the front (or, if preferred, for a prayer of blessing).*

*Please come up to the front via the centre aisle, and return to your pew via the side aisles.*

*The words for the singing during the administration of the bread and wine can be found towards the back of this service-sheet. Feel free to join if you would like.*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

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## THE NOTICES

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### **HYMN: Crown him with many crowns**

Crown him with many crowns;  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life;  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious from the strife  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing,  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace;  
whose power a sceptre sways,  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
A city stands on high,  
his glory it displays,  
and there the nations 'Holy' cry  
in joyful hymns of praise.

Crown him the Lord of years;  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
in majesty sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

*M. Bridges (1800-1894) and G. Thring (1823-1903)*

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## **THE CONCLUSION**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and  
the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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