

DIARY DETAILS

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

Tuesday 11th April

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

Wednesday 12th April

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

Thursday 13th April

7:30pm Agape Meal and Communion Service
at St Botolph's
no CFM Community Group this week*

Friday 14th April (Good Friday)

10:30am Good Friday Service at St Botolph's
11:45am Town Centre Walk of Witness
meeting in Essex Street
2:00pm Good Friday Meditative Service
at St Peter's

Sunday 16th April (Easter Day)

7:00am Sunrise Communion
in St Botolph's Priory Grounds
9:45am Easter Communion Service
at St Botolph's
11:00am Easter 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

The Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th April at 12noon, starting with a light lunch. There is *no* meeting this week or on Tuesday 18th (as incorrectly stated in last week's notices).

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.

Christian Aid Week 14th -20th May. If anyone would like to collect for Christian Aid on Saturday 20th May in the town centre or outside the Co-op Store in Stanway, please speak to Wendy Whitfield so that your names can be passed on to the organiser.

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.

Temporary lodgings needed. If you have room for a male lodger, or know anyone looking for a housemate for around four months, please contact Bernice Watts (572529).

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 9th April 2017

Palm Sunday

HYMN: All glory, praise and honour

*All glory, praise and honour,
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the king of Israel,
great David's greater Son;
you ride in lowly triumph,
the Lord's anointed one!

All glory, praise and honour...

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and mortal men, and all things
created, make reply:

All glory, praise and honour...

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

All glory, praise and honour...

To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise:

All glory, praise and honour...

As you received their praises,
accept the praise we bring,
for you delight in goodness
O good and gracious king!

All glory, praise and honour...

J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

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: Psalm 118

page 511-512 of the pew Bibles
read by Margaret Sawyer

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: You are the King of Glory

You are the King of Glory,
you are the Prince of Peace,
you are the Lord of heaven and earth,
you're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before you,
worship and adore, for
you have the words of eternal life,
you are Jesus Christ the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of Kings!
Glory in the highest heaven,
for Jesus the Messiah reigns.

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THE SECOND READING: Matthew 21 v 1-11

page 826 of the pew Bibles
read by Sheila Lloyd

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Ride on, ride on in majesty
as all the crowds 'Hosanna!' cry:
through waving branches slowly ride,
O Saviour, to be crucified.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumph now begin
with captured death, and conquered sin!

Ride on, ride on in majesty -
the angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
the last and fiercest foe defy:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power, and reign.

H. Milman (1791-1868)

THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

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: Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

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Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

THE PRAYERS

The Collect for Palm Sunday:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.**
