

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 30th April *(The Third Sunday of Easter)*

- 9:45am Communion Service at St Botolph's
followed by the Annual Church Meetings
and the Christian Aid Lunch
- 11:00am Global Mission Day Service at St Peter's
followed by the Global Mission Lunch
- 6:30pm Joint Evening Service at Castle

Tuesday 2nd May

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

Wednesday 3rd May

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

Thursday 4th May

- 8:00pm CFM* Community Group (4 Bryanstone Mews)

Sunday 7th May *(The Fourth Sunday of Easter)*

- 9:45am Morning Prayer 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

Global Mission Sunday. Our focus this morning will be on mission across the world. We welcome Alex and Marguerite McCann, working with OMF in Cambodia, who will be sharing something of their ministry - and speaking in more detail over the Lunch after the service. Everyone welcome!

Redevelopment work: West Door and Gates.

Please note that this work is due to begin in early May. Until the completion of the works, access to the church will only be possible through the south-west porch and the south 'disabled' entrance.

Saving money for church. You may be able to save the church money on its energy bill if you shop online using a Firefox or Chrome browser on a PC. Please ask Richard Lawn (540510) for more details.

SPK's Cake Sale. Thank you to everyone who supported SPK's Cake Sale on Easter Day, with just over £80 raised for our sponsored children in Brazil and the Philippines, and their families.

Parochial Church Council. The next PCC meeting will be on Saturday 20th May, from 9:00am.

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.

Archdeacon's Visitation Service. Please pray for our Churchwardens, Dr Dan Watts and Mrs Wendy Whitfield, as they are sworn in as Wardens for the year ahead at the service on Monday 8th May (at St Margaret's, Berechurch).

Wednesday Morning Communion. As we come to the end of the trial period, with the service being held in the central part of the church rather than under the north gallery, please feed back any comments to either Mark or Wendy, before the PCC meeting on 20th May.

Any notices for inclusion should be emailed or posted to the Vicar's PA 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. The children will be returned to church for the All-Age Zone towards the end of the service.

Thank you for joining us today.

Global Mission Day Service

Sunday 30th April 2017

The Third Sunday of Easter

HYMN: Jesus is Lord, creation's voice proclaims it

Jesus is Lord! creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower
was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! the universe declares it -
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!

Praise him with 'Hallelujahs', for Jesus is Lord!

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

Jesus is Lord! yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! from him all life proceeding -
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!

Praise him with 'Hallelujahs', for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! o'er sin the mighty conqueror;
from death he rose and all his foes
shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!

Praise him with 'Hallelujahs', for Jesus is Lord!

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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.**

HYMN: Tell all the world of Jesus

Tell all the world of Jesus,
our Saviour, Lord and King;
and let the whole creation
of his salvation sing:
proclaim his glorious greatness
in nature and in grace;
Creator and Redeemer,
the Lord of time and space.

Tell all the world of Jesus,
that every one may find
the joy of his forgiveness -
true peace of heart and mind:
proclaim his perfect goodness,
his deep, unfailing care;
his love so rich in mercy
a love beyond compare.

Tell all the world of Jesus,
that every one may know
of his almighty triumph
defeating every foe:
proclaim his coming glory,
when sin is overthrown,
and he shall reign in splendour -
the King upon his throne!

James E. Seddon, © 1968, Hope Publishing

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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INTERVIEW WITH ALEX & MARGUERITE MCCANN

THE FIRST READING: Daniel 7 v 9-14

page 745 of the pew Bibles
read by Keith Browne

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Matthew 28 v 16-20

page 835 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.

HYMN: Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all Your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

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: O for a thousand tongues to sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

He speaks: and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

THE PRAYERS

The Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.**

THE ALL-AGE ZONE

& THE NOTICES

HYMN: Facing a task unfinished

Facing a task unfinished
that drives us to our knees;
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease;
we, who rejoice to know Thee,
renew before Thy throne
the solemn pledge we owe Thee
to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied Thee
defy Thee still today,
with none to heed their crying,
for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying
and pass into the night.

*We go to all the world,
with kingdom hope unfurled;
no other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ the Lord.*

We bear the torch that flaming
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours,
fired by the same ambition
to Thee we yield our powers

We go to all the world...

O Father, who sustained them,
O Spirit, who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them,
to toil with zeal untired:
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
to labour for Thy sake.

We go to all the world... (repeat to finish)

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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.**
