

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 14th May (The Fifth Sunday of Easter)

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

### Monday 15th May

4:00pm Playball in the Church Hall

### Tuesday 16th May

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

### Wednesday 17th May

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

### Thursday 18th May

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

### Saturday 20th May

9:00am PCC Meeting in the Church Hall

### Sunday 21st May (The Sixth Sunday of Easter)

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)



## CONTACT DETAILS

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**Church Away Day (Saturday 3rd June).** All Saints Church, Fordham, is inviting St Peter's and other churches to a 'Church Away Day' on Sunday 3rd June, at John Owen Barn, Fordham. Marcus Nodder, Pastor of St Peter's Barge, London, will be speaking, and there will be activities for the whole family, including a hog roast. The cost is £5 per person. For more details, see noticeboard at the back of the church.

**Redevelopment work: West Door and Gates.** Please bear with us as the redevelopment work continues. Until the completion of the works, access to the church will only be possible through the south-west porch and the south 'disabled' entrance.

**Christianity Explored.** One life. What's it all about? The Christianity Explored course gives you time and space to think through who Jesus is and why it matters. The group will be on Tuesday evenings, starting on 6th June. For more information, or to join up, please see Aella Gage (07796 475130).

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

**Christian Aid Week (14th–20th May).** Envelopes are available in church for those wishing to support the work of Christian Aid.

**Colchester Church Hustings.** Organised by local churches, these hustings for the Colchester constituency in advance of the General Election are planned for Tuesday 23rd May, 7:30pm, at St Botolph's Church.

**Funeral: Mildred Robb.** Mildred died on the 28th April following a short illness. She is to be remembered at a service on Wednesday 17th May, at 3:00pm in the Hall of West Mersea Parish Church.

**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.

**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 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 14th May 2017**

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

## **HYMN: See, what a morning**

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound till He appears,  
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise,  
to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
and we shall reign with Him,  
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

*Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, © 2003, Kingsway Thankyou Music*

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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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## **HYMN: There is a redeemer**

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit,  
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

*Thank you, O my Father...*

When I stand in glory,  
I will see his face,  
and there I'll serve my King forever,  
in that Holy Place.

*Thank you, O my Father...*

*Melody Green, © 1982, EMI Christian Music*

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## INTERVIEW

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### **BIBLE READING: Jude**

page 1027 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.**

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### **HYMN: May the mind of Christ my Saviour**

May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do and say.

May the word of God enrich me  
with his truth from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father  
in my life for ever reign,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
those in grief and pain.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea,  
him exalting, self abasing -  
this is victory!

May his beauty rest upon me  
as I seek to make him known;  
so that all may look to Jesus,  
seeing him alone.

*Katie B. Wilkinson (1859-1928)*

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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: Soldiers of Christ, arise**

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armour on;  
strong in the strength which God supplies,  
through His eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of hosts,  
and in His mighty power;  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

Stand, then, in His great might,  
with all His strength endued;  
and take, to arm you for the fight,  
the panoply of God.

Leave no unguarded place,  
no weakness of the soul;  
take every virtue, every grace,  
and fortify the whole.

From strength to strength go on,  
wrestle and fight and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness down,  
and win the well-fought day.

That having all things done,  
and all your conflicts past,  
ye may overcome, through Christ alone,  
and stand complete at last.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## THE PRAYERS

*The Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter:*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 Duncan Breckels

*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: Lord of the church

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:  
Christ over all, our undivided aim;  
fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,  
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!  
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,  
the will that lacks the courage to be free,  
the weary labours, all but unavailing,  
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,  
a true repentance and a faith restored,  
a swift obedience and a new possessing,  
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!  
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,  
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:  
the living water for our souls' reviving,  
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,  
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;  
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,  
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!  
So lead us on, till toil and trouble ended,  
one church triumphant one new song shall sing  
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,  
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1984, Oxford University Press*

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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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