

DIARY DETAILS

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

9:45am Morning Service at St Botolph's

11:00am Morning Service at St Peter's

6:30pm Joint Evening Service at Castle

Monday 22nd May

4:00pm Playball in the Church Hall

Tuesday 23rd May

12 noon Community Group in the Church Hall
no JRM Community Group this week*

7:30pm Colchester Hustings at St Botolph's

Wednesday 24th May

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

Thursday 25th May

8:00pm Community Group at 4 Bryanstone Mews

Sunday 28th May *(The Seventh 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)



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CHURCH NOTICES

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.

Church Away Day (Saturday 3rd June). All Saints Church, Fordham, is inviting St Peter's and other churches to a 'Church Away Day' on Saturday 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. Please can you let Bernice Watts know if you are able to come (01206 572529). Lifts can be arranged.

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).

Beryl Candy. We were sad to learn that Beryl Candy died on 11th May after a period of illness, at her nursing home in Surrey. Beryl was a member of St Peter's for many years, with her husband Laurie, both of whom sang in the choir.

'Olive Grove Project' This project is run by *Christian Friends in Israel* in Jerusalem, an international evangelical Christian ministry that aims at collecting good quality second-hand clothes where they are shipped to Jerusalem and from where they are freely given to those in need. If you have any clothing (any gender and age) to donate, or would like further information, please speak to Jessie Ho after the service today or contact her on 07938 160601. Donations can be dropped off to Jessie before Tuesday 23rd May or to a Colchester coordinator by the end of this month. Collections can be arranged.

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 21st May 2017

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

HYMN: Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness...

Thomas Chisholm, © 1923, Hope Publishing

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: As the deer pants for the water

As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield...

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
even though You are a King.

I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength, my shield...

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INTERVIEW WITH JESSIE HO

BIBLE READING: Jude v 1-4, 17-25

page 1027 of the pew Bibles
read by Peter Sawyer

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O Breath of life

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive your Church with life and pow'r;
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your Church in ev'ry part!

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then, in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore - for this we plead.

Revive us, Lord; is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting -
equip thy Church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)

THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

Jude v 20-23

keep yourselves safe! (v 20-21)

build yourselves up...

keep yourselves in..

seek to save others! (v 22-23)

the doubter

the dying

the dangerous

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: Fight the good fight

Fight the good fight with all your might,
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up your eyes, and seek his face:
life with its way before you lies,
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide,
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and your trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he does not change, and you are dear;
only believe and Christ shall be
your all-in-all eternity.

J.S.B. Mansell (1811-1875)

THE PRAYERS

The Collect for The Sixth Sunday of Easter:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our 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: At the name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who, from the beginning, was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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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.**
