

## DIARY DETAILS

### 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*

### Tuesday 30th May

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

### Wednesday 31st May

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

### Thursday 1st June

*no CFM\* Community Group this week*

### Saturday 3rd June

10am Church Away Day at *Fordham*

### Sunday 4th June (*Day of Pentecost*)

9:45am Communion Service 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

**Church Away Day (this Saturday, 3rd June).** All at St Peter's are invited to a 'Church Away Day' on 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. For more details, see noticeboard at the back of the church.

**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 PCC meeting has been rescheduled to Saturday 17th June from 9:00am. Venue to be confirmed.

**Election Briefing 2017.** Key resources to inform your vote, including voting records of MPs, questions to consider, and a downloadable Election Briefing 2017, can be found at [christian.org.uk/election](http://christian.org.uk/election)

**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.

**Rev Matt Simpkins.** The Bishop of Chelmsford has announced that Matt, who used to attend St Peter's with his family, has been appointed as his Chaplain (from September). He will be taking on this role alongside his ministry as Curate in the Wickford Team.

**Carols for Colchester.** Lexden Choral Society is inviting you to make a CD of your favourite carols with them. Rehearsals: 6th and 13th June in St Leonard's Lexden Church Hall. Recording: Saturday 17th June from 10:00am to 4:30pm (please bring lunch). To register, email [sarah.blake186@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.blake186@btinternet.com) or phone 01206 543280.

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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 28th May 2017**

*The Sunday after Ascension Day*

*G. Bourne (1840-1925)*

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## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### THE FIRST READING: Acts 1 v 6-11

page 909 of the pew Bibles  
read by James Wallace

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### HYMN: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
glorious first-born from the dead,  
you alone our strong defender  
lifting up your people's head:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread!

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

Prince of life, for us now living,  
by your body souls are healed;  
Prince of peace, your pardon giving,  
by your blood our peace is sealed:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Word of God in flesh revealed.

Paschal Lamb! your offering finished,  
once for all, when you were slain;  
in its fulness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.

Great High Priest of our profession,  
through the veil you entered in,  
by your mighty intercession  
grace and mercy there to win:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
only sacrifice for sin.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken rock, with streaming side;  
heaven and earth, with loud hosanna,  
worship you, the Lamb who died:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

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## CONFESSION

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

**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.**

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will, and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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## **PSALM 47: God is King over all the earth**

Clap your hands, all peoples!

**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
**a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us,  
**and nations under our feet.**

He chose our heritage for us,  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout,  
**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth;  
**sing praises with a psalm!**

God reigns over the nations;  
**God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather  
**as the people of the God of Abraham.**

For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
**he is highly exalted!**

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## **HYMN: You're the Word of God the Father**

You're the Word of God the Father  
from before the world began;  
every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together  
by the power of your voice:  
let the skies declare your glory,  
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
and your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry,  
with a word you stilled the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered  
that the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation...*

With a shout you rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven  
leading captives in your wake.  
Now you stand before the Father  
interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation  
you are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation...*

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## **THE SECOND READING: Jude v 1-4, 17-25**

page 1027 of the pew Bibles  
read by Margaret Holden

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **HYMN: God has spoken**

God has spoken - by his prophets,  
spoken his unchanging word;  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God the one, the righteous Lord;  
in the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor still holds fast:  
God is king, his throne eternal,  
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken - by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son;  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one:  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God, before all time began,  
light of light, to earth descending,  
Man, revealing God to man.

God is speaking - by his Spirit  
speaking to the hearts of men;  
in the age-long word expounding  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith is standing fast:  
God abides, his word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.

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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: By faith we see the hand**

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...*

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...*

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## THE PRAYERS

The Collect

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.**

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## THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

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### **HYMN: Jesus is King**

Jesus is king and I will extol him,  
give him the glory, and honour his name;  
he reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,  
Word of the Father, exalted for us.

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,  
gone through the curtain and touching the throne;  
we have a Priest who is there interceding,  
pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

We come to him, our Priest and Apostle,  
clothed in his glory and bearing his name;  
laying our lives with gladness before Him,  
filled with his Spirit we worship the king.

O Holy One, our hearts do adore you,  
thrilled with your goodness we give you our praise;  
angels in light with worship surround him  
Jesus, our Saviour, forever the same.

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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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