

## DIARY DETAILS

### 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

### Monday 5th June

4:00pm Playball in the Church Hall

### Tuesday 6th June

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

7:45pm Christianity Explored at 31 St Peter's Street

### Wednesday 7th June

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

### Thursday 8th June

8:00pm Community Group at 4 Bryanstone Mews

### Sunday 11th June (Trinity Sunday)

9:45am Morning 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

### 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 for Saturday 17th June from 9:00am.

**St Peter's Gift Day.** Sunday 25th June is our annual Gift Day, an opportunity for everyone who considers themselves a member of St Peter's to prayerfully reconsider their giving to support the church's work. Gift Day letters will be sent out in the post this week, but there will also be spare copies in church next Sunday.

### Redevelopment work: West Door and Gates.

Please bear with us as the redevelopment work begins. Until the completion of the works, access to the church will only be possible through the south-west porch and the south 'disabled' entrance.

**Carols for Colchester.** Lexden Choral Society is inviting you to make a CD of your favourite carols with them. Come and join for rehearsals on 6th and 13th June in St Leonard's Lexden Church Hall, or just to the recording on Saturday 17th June from 10:00am to 4:30pm. Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. To register, email sarah.blake186@btinternet.com or phone 01206 543280.

*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. 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.**

# Communion Service

**Sunday 4th June 2017**

*Day of Pentecost*

## HYMN: Come down, O Love divine

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

O Let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let thou charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humble part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
nor can we guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*'Discendi, amor santo', trans. Richard F. Littledale, (1833-1890) alt.*

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## PRAYERS OF PREPARATION & CONFESSION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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### THE BIBLE READING: Acts 2 v 1-13

page 909-910 of the pew Bibles  
read by Rosemary Milne

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### 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)*

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### THE SERMON

preacher: Mark Wallace

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### THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.****

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### THE PRAYERS

led by Richard Lawn

*These responses may be used during the prayers*  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers*  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our  
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

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### HYMN: Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
slain for us - and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace -  
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
torn for you - eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love -  
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you - drink and remember  
he drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace -  
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
to respond - and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven -  
around the table of the King.

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### COMMUNION

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest, who has loosed us from our sins and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you, our God and Father.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, on the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

## THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

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### HYMN: O church, arise

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;  
hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side  
we know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this victory march continues till the day  
every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,  
give grace for every hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in glory.

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### THE CONCLUSION

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and  
the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith  
in his blood, we and all your Church may receive  
forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his  
passion. Although we are unworthy, through our  
manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray  
that you will accept this the duty and service that we  
owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our  
offences, and fill us all who share in this holy  
communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with  
whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 it is 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because  
we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord  
Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood  
which he shed for you. Eat and drink in  
remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him  
in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O  
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies. We are  
not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under your table. But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us  
therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of  
your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his  
body and our souls washed through his most  
precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell  
in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*When ushered, please come forwards  
to receive communion at the front  
(or, if preferred, for a prayer of blessing).*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with  
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to  
be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of  
your Spirit to live and work to your praise and  
glory. Amen.**

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