

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 18th June (Trinity 1)

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

### Monday 19th June

4:00pm Playball in the Church Hall

### Tuesday 20th June

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

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

### Wednesday 21st June

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

### Thursday 22nd June

8:00pm Community Group at 4 Bryanstone Mews

### Sunday 25th June (Trinity 2)

9:45am Communion Service at St Botolph's  
11:00am Patronal Festival Service at St Peter's  
4:00pm Afternoon Strawberry Tea at the Vicarage  
6:30pm Songs of Praise at St Peter's

*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

**St Peter's Gift Day.** Next 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. If you have not received a Gift Day letter in the post, there are spare copies in church this morning.

**Afternoon Strawberry Tea.** Mark & Lizzie would like to invite everyone at St Peter's to Tea at the Vicarage next Sunday (25th June) from 4pm.

**Songs of Praise.** At 6:30pm next Sunday, we are holding a *Songs of Praise Service* to conclude our Patronal Festival. We welcome a number of visitors (including the Senior Padre from 16 Air Assault Brigade) and will be singing some favourite hymns together. Do join us!

**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.

**The McCann family.** For our Global Mission Sunday in April, we welcomed Alex and Marguerite McCann and their family, OMF missionaries in Cambodia. Their latest newsletter is available in church today, on the piano. A commissioning service for them will be on Sunday 9th July, at St Andrews, Alresford, at 6:30pm (coffee and cake from 5:30pm). Everyone is welcome!

*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 Aella Gage. 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 18th June 2017**

*The First Sunday after Trinity*

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

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### **HYMN: The God of Abraham praise**

The God of Abraham praise  
who reigns enthroned above;  
the ancient of eternal days  
and God of love!  
The Lord, the great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed -  
we bow before his holy name  
for ever blessed.

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

To him we lift our voice  
at whose supreme command  
from death we rise to gain the joys  
at his right hand:  
we all on earth forsake -  
its wisdom, fame, and power;  
the God of Israel we shall make  
our shield and tower.

He by his name has sworn -  
on this we shall depend,  
and as on eagles' wings upborne  
to heaven ascend:  
there we shall see his face,  
his power we shall adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.

Triumphant hosts on high  
give thanks eternally  
and 'Holy, holy, holy' cry,  
'great Trinity!'  
Hail Abraham's God and ours!  
one mighty hymn we raise,  
all power and majesty be yours  
and endless praise!

*from a Hebrew doxology; T. Olivers (1725-1799), © in this version Jubilate Hymns*

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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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**THE FIRST READING: Daniel 6 v 1-15**

page 743-744 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.**

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**HYMN: Christ triumphant, ever reigning**

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King.  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

*Yours the glory and the crown...*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory and the crown...*

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

*Yours the glory and the crown...*

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Yours the glory and the crown...*

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**THE SECOND READING: Daniel 6 v 16-28**

page 744 of the pew Bibles  
read by Stephen Lloyd

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**HYMN: Restore, O Lord**

Restore, O Lord,  
the honour of Your name!  
In works of sovereign power  
come shake the earth again,  
that men may see  
and come with reverent fear  
to the living God,  
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord,  
in all the earth Your fame,  
and in our time revive  
the church that bears Your name,  
and in Your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord,  
where we are hard and cold,  
in Your refiner's fire;  
come purify the gold:  
though suffering comes  
and evil crouches near,  
still our living God  
is reigning, He is reigning here.

*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950) and Chris Rolinson, © Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

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**THE SERMON**

preacher: Rev Aella Gage

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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.**



