

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 16th July *(The Fifth Sunday after Trinity)*

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

### Monday 17th July

4:00pm Playball Family Picnic in *Lower Castle Park*

### Tuesday 18th July

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

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

### Wednesday 19th July

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

### Thursday 20th July

8:00pm Community Group at *4 Bryanstone Mews*

### Sunday 23rd July *(The Sixth Sunday after Trinity)*

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

**The Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group.** The next meeting will be on 15th August at 12 noon, in the Hall, starting with a light lunch.

**Public Notices.** As a requirement of the Faculty Process, we are required to inform you that Public Notices are on display at the back of the church and on the railings outside.

**Heritage Open Days.** Might you be willing to help as a steward to keep the church open on the weekend of Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September? If so, there is a rota at the back of the church, or contact Bernice (572529). Thank you.

**Sponsored Walk.** Yesterday, 15th July, was Brian New's sponsored walk to Harwich. He would appreciate if those who sponsored him could pay him at their earliest convenience, unless they have already done so. Thank you.

**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.

**Clergy Holidays.** Please note that Mark is on Leave until 21st August (inclusive), and Aella will be on Annual Leave from 31st July to 13th August. Throughout this time, messages can be left on the Parish Office voicemail (572529), which will be checked regularly.

*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 towards the end of the service.

**Thank you for joining us today.**

# Morning Service

**Sunday 16th July 2017**

*The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

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### **HYMN: Come, praise the name of Jesus**

Come, praise the name of Jesus  
for all his gracious powers,  
our only God and Saviour  
who makes his goodness ours;  
he calls us to his kingdom,  
the Lord of life and death,  
to see his face in glory  
and know him now by faith.

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

His virtue and his wisdom,  
endurance, self-control,  
his godliness and kindness,  
his love which crowns them all -  
this is his royal nature  
that we are called to share,  
his robe of perfect beauty  
that we are given to wear.

We see his shining splendour  
in every sunless place  
where Christ, the light of nations,  
appears in truth and grace.  
Transfigured by his likeness  
we make the vision known,  
reflecting in our faces  
the radiance of his own.

The king of grace inspires us  
to love him more and more,  
to grasp our hope more firmly  
and make our calling sure.  
Christ Jesus, Lord and Saviour,  
to this dark world you came;  
and for the dawn of heaven,  
we praise your holy name.

*from 2 Peter 1, © Christopher Idle (born 1938)*

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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 BIBLE READING: Ephesians 3 v 14-21

page 977 of the pew Bibles  
read by Anne Kavanagh

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### HYMN: Every promise of your word

From the breaking of the dawn  
To the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
Words of power, strong to save,  
That will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
For Your covenant is sure,  
And on this I am secure,  
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

When I stumble and I sin,  
Condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
You are faithful to forgive,  
That in freedom I might live,  
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
Guilt to innocence restored:  
You remember sins no more!  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice,  
I will listen for Your voice,  
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with your hand  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
And you've promised to complete  
Every work begun in me,  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

Hope that lifts me from despair,  
Love that casts out every fear,  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
Not forsaken, not alone,  
For the Comforter has come,  
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me,  
Grace for all who will believe,  
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

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## THE SECOND READING: Titus 2 v 1-15

page 998 of the pew Bibles  
read by Peter Wallace

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### HYMN: Now in reverence and awe

Now, in reverence and awe,  
we gather round your word;  
in wonder, we draw near  
to mysteries that angels strain to hear,  
that prophets dimly saw.  
So let your Spirit shine upon the page and  
*teach me, open up my eyes  
with truth to free me;  
light to chase the lies.*  
*Lord Jesus, let me meet you in your Word  
Lord Jesus, let me meet you in your Word.*

Lord, your truth cannot be chained,  
it searches everything -  
my secrets, my desires.  
Your word is like a hammer and a fire:  
it breaks, it purifies.  
So let your Spirit shine into my heart and  
*teach me, open up my eyes...*

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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.**

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#### **HYMN: Freedom and life are ours**

Freedom and life are ours  
for Christ has set us free!  
never again submit to powers  
that lead to slavery:  
Christ is the Lord who takes  
a man to be his own  
and by his saving gospel makes  
a slave into a son.

Called by the Lord to use  
our freedom and be strong,  
not letting liberty excuse  
a life of blatant wrong:  
freed from the law's stern hand  
God's gift of grace to prove,  
know that the law's entire demand  
is gladly met by love.

Spirit of God, come, fill,  
emancipate us all!  
break our desire to sin, until  
before his throne we fall:  
glory and liberty  
God for his sons decreed,  
and if the Son shall make us free  
we shall be free indeed!

*Christopher Idle, © 1977, Jubilate Group*

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#### **THE PRAYERS**

**\* The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**\* The Intercessions**

led by Duncan Breckels

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

**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 NOTICES**

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#### **HYMN: Church of God, elect and glorious**

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds:  
tell of love which knows no limits,  
grace which meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness  
into his most marvellous light;  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
that God's name is glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God's heart of love;  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know his welcome  
and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people he intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your master sends:  
royal priests, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service,  
sing his praise, his love declare!

*James Edward Seddon, © 1964, Mrs M Seddon*

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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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