

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 17th September (the 14th after Trinity)

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

### Tuesday 19th September

7:45pm GHP meeting at 26 Rosebery Avenue

### Wednesday 20th September

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

### Thursday 21st September

8:00pm NGM Community Gp at 4 Bryanstone Mews

### Sunday 24th September (the 15th after Trinity)

9:45am Communion Service at St Botolph's  
11:00am Harvest Festival 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)
- \* NGM: Next Generation Ministries (Thursday evenings)

*GHP: Guest House Project*

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**The 2017-2018 Guest House Project.** There will be a meeting for anyone who might like to be involved with this winter's Guest House Project, on Tuesday 19th September at 7:45pm at Dan and Bernice Watts' house at 26 Rosebery Avenue, CO1 2UJ. Please come along if you are interested.

**Gifts for Harvest Festival.** During our Harvest Festival Service on 24th September, we will be collecting gifts for Beacon House. They have particular use this year for: tinned meat, fish or vegetables, coffee, sugar, biscuits, dishwasher tablets, shampoo, men's deodorants, razors and shaving gel.

**Flowers in Church.** Would you like to help with the flower arrangements in church from time to time? Please talk to Geraldine Joslin (795768) or Bernice Watts (572529). No previous experience required.

**Thank you.** A big 'Thank You' to all those who welcomed visitors at the Heritage Open Days and Ride & Stride last weekend. Your help with keeping the church open was very appreciated and we had around 240 visitors.

**The Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group.** The FFM Community Group will meet once in September, on Tuesday 26th at 12 noon, in the Hall, starting with a light lunch.

**Reformation Event.** As part of the 500th anniversary of The Reformation, you are invited to a free event at the Moot Hall on Sunday 8th October, at 6:00pm for 6:30pm start. Rev Dr Lee Gatiss will be speaking on *'The Reformation: Tragedy and the Triumph'* and Rev Mark Wallace on *Colchester Martyrs remembered in song and prayer*. Please reserve a place at [www.eventbrite.com/foobarbaz](http://www.eventbrite.com/foobarbaz).

**'Standing for Christ in the Public Square.'** The Christian Institute are visiting Colchester in October, aiming to encourage Christians to be confident and effective in standing for Christ in the public square - Tuesday 3rd October at 8:00pm at Wivenhouse House Hotel, CO4 3SQ.

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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. Please note that we do not take a collection during the service: if you would like to give, please use the box towards the back of church.

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 17th September 2017**

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### **HYMN: Jesus is Lord - the cry that echoes**

"Jesus is Lord" –  
the cry that echoes through creation:  
resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock,  
the Son of God,  
the King whose glory fills the heavens,  
yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

"Jesus is Lord" –  
whose voice sustains the stars and planets,  
yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown,  
Jesus the Man,  
who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,  
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

"Jesus is Lord" –  
the tomb is gloriously empty,  
not even death could crush this King of love.  
The price is paid,  
the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,  
and we can run into the arms of God.

"Jesus is Lord" –  
a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
as He returns, and every knee bows low.  
Then every eye  
and every heart will see His glory,  
the Judge of all will take His children home.

*Stuart Townend & Keith Getty, © 2003, Thankyou Music*

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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: John 11 v 1-27**

page 897 of the pew Bibles  
read by Duncan Breckels

*At the end of the reading...*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN: All people that on earth do dwell**

All people that on earth do dwell  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
serve him with joy, his praises tell,  
come now before him, and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed,  
he formed us all without our aid;  
we are the flock he loves to feed,  
the sheep who by his hand are made.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
and in his courts his love proclaim;  
give thanks and bless him all your days:  
let every tongue confess his name.

The Lord our mighty God is good,  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

*W. Kethe (d. 1594) © In this version Jubilate Hymns*

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## **COMMUNITY GROUP FEEDBACK**

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### **THE SECOND READING: John 11 v 28-44**

page 897-898 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: How sure the scriptures are**

How sure the Scriptures are!  
God's vital, urgent word,  
as true as steel, and far  
more sharp than any sword:  
So deep and fine,  
at his control  
they pierce where soul  
and spirit join.

They test each human thought,  
refining like a fire;  
they measure what we ought  
to do and to desire:  
For God knows all  
exposed it lies  
before his eyes to whom we call.

Let those who hear his voice  
confronting them today,  
reject the tempting choice  
of doubting or delay:  
For God speaks still  
his word is clear,  
so let us hear  
and do his will!

*Christopher Idle (from Hebrews 4), © Jubilate Hymns*

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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: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.

Dear name, the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! My Shepherd, Saviour, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of Thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

*John Newton*

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## THE PRAYERS

### \* **The Collect for the 14th Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### \* **The Intercessions**

led by Lizzie Wallace

### \* **The Lord's Prayer**

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: In resurrection bodies

In resurrection bodies  
like Jesus' very own,  
we'll rise to meet our Saviour  
with joy around his throne;  
we'll marvel at the mercy  
that bids poor sinners come,  
be welcomed at his table  
and share his heavenly home.

O joy of resurrection,  
all sin and sorrow past,  
to see the face of Jesus,  
to be like him at last!  
Made perfect in his image,  
complete in Christ the Son,  
in resurrection glory  
we'll share the life he won.

O resurrection body,  
set free from pain and death,  
sin's curse forever vanquished  
by Christ's victorious breath!  
Lord, teach us in our trials  
your hidden ways to trace,  
to walk by faith, discerning  
your mysteries of grace!

O resurrection body,  
young, radiant, vibrant, free,  
with powers unthought, undreamed of —  
how rich your joys will be!  
Through endless years to marvel,  
design, create, explore,  
in resurrection wonder  
to worship, serve, adore!

With holy joy, Lord Jesus,  
we sing the life you give,  
the hope you hold before us,  
the strength by which we live!  
Lead on in sovereign mercy  
through all earth's troubled ways,  
till resurrection bodies  
bring resurrection praise!

*Margaret Clarkson (d 2008)*

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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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