

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 1st October (the 16th after Trinity)

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

Wednesday 4th October

10:30am Communion Service at *St Peter's*
7:45pm Discipleship Explored at *the Vicarage*

Thursday 5th October

8:00pm NGM Community Gp at *4 Bryanstone Mews*

Sunday 8th October (the 17th 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)*
- * *NGM: Next Generation Ministries (Thursday evenings)*

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CHURCH NOTICES

Thank you... to everyone who helped, decorated and gave towards our Harvest Festival last weekend. All the Harvest Gifts were taken to Beacon House last Monday, to be used by them to help homeless people in the town centre, and they were very grateful.

'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.

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. The evening, which will include music and prayer, will be led by Rev Mark Wallace, and Rev Dr Lee Gatiss will be speaking on *'The Reformation: Tragedy and the Triumph'*. Please reserve a place at <https://colchester-reformation.eventbrite.co.uk>.

The 2017-2018 Guest House Project. If you were unable to come to our last meeting, another is being planned for anyone who might like to be involved with this winter's Guest House Project, on Tuesday 10th October, at 7:45pm, at 26 Rosebery Avenue, CO1 2UJ. Please come along if you would like to find out more about the project.

PCC meeting: Saturday 14th October. The next full meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Saturday 14th October, from 9am, in the Church Hall.

Beacon House Celebration Service. On Sunday 15th October, at 6:30pm, there will be a celebration service at Kingsland Church, recognising the work done by the different Christian ministries across Colchester. Mark Wallace will be speaking.

Any notices for inclusion should be emailed or posted to the Parish Office (see over for contact details) by 9:15am on Thursday. Thank you.

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500 years of reformation

“sola scriptura” - Scripture alone

“sola fide” - through faith alone

“sola gratia” - by grace alone

“solus Christus” - in Christ alone

“soli de gloria” - for God’s glory alone

Communion Service

Sunday 1st October 2017

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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 return to church towards the end of the service.

Thank you for joining us today.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

HYMN: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte, Praise Trust

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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST BIBLE READING: 2 Timothy 3 v 1-17

page 996 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.

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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SECOND BIBLE READING: Hebrews 1 v 1-4; 2 v 1-4

page 1001 of the pew Bibles
read by Lenny Lewis

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

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.**

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.**

THE NOTICES

THE PEACE

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

HYMN: O to see the dawn

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath:
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face
bearing the awesome weight of sin;
every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This, the power of the cross...

Now, the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
'Finished!' the victory cry.

This, the power of the cross...

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us!
What a life, what a cost:
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

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.

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.

*Please come forwards when ushered,
returning to your pew via the side aisles.*

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.

HYMN: Lord of the church

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim;
fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!
So lead us on, till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant one new song shall sing
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1984, Oxford University Press

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.

SINGING DURING COMMUNION

When I survey the wondrous cross

on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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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