

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 8th October (the 17th after Trinity)

9:45am Communion Service at St Botolph's  
11:00am Morning Service at St Peter's  
6 for 6:30pm Reformation Event in the Moot Hall  
no Joint Evening Service tonight

### Tuesday 10th October

12 noon FFM\* Community Group in the Hall  
7:45 for 8pm GHP\* meeting at 26 Rosebery Avenue

### Wednesday 11th October

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's  
7:45 for 8pm Discipleship Explored at the Vicarage

### Thursday 12th October

8:00pm NGM\* Community Group at 4 By. Mews

### Saturday 14th October

9:00am PCC Meeting in the Hall  
7:30pm SBMS concert at St Botolph's

### Sunday 15th October (the 18th 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

*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, our winter homeless shelter

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**Reformation Event.** As part of the 500th anniversary of The Reformation, you are invited to a free event at the Moot Hall tonight, 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>. There will be no Joint Evening Service tonight.

**The Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group.** The Faithful Friends Ministries Community Group will meet twice in October; Tuesday 10th and 24th, at 12 noon, in the Hall, starting with a light lunch.

**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.

**Shoebboxes.** We are again intending to send off shoeboxes full of gifts to poor children around the world. You can help in the following ways: Fill a shoebox yourself; provide gifts to go into a shoebox; or provide money to purchase gifts. Shoeboxes, leaflets, gift guides, and receptacles for gifts will be available in church on 19th and 26th October. Please return your shoebox by 5th November, which is when the donated gifts will be used by the SPK group to fill more boxes. For more information please speak to Richard Lawn or Lizzie Wallace.

**Churchwardens' new contact details.** Please note that Wendy Whitfield and Dan Watts now have new phone numbers (see over for contact details). For their new address details, please ask Bernice in the office (or ask Wendy and Dan).

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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.**

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)*

# Morning Service

**Sunday 8th October 2017**

*The Seventeenth 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]*

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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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**BIBLE READING: Psalm 32**

*page 462-463 of the pew Bibles  
read together*

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**HYMN: All my days (Beautiful Saviour)**

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails:  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated, and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,  
And You reign, You reign over all.*

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
where countless worshippers will share one song  
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

*Beautiful Saviour...*

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**BIBLE READING: Galatians 2 v 15 - 3 v 9**

*page 973 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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**BIBLE READING: Romans 4 v 1-8**

*page 941 of the pew Bibles  
read by Peter Sawyer*

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**HYMN: All I once held dear**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
all this world reveres, and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain, I have counted loss -  
spent and worthless now, compared to this:

*Knowing you, Jesus,  
knowing you, there is no greater thing;  
you're my all, you're the best  
you're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
to be found in you and known as yours;  
to possess by faith what I could not earn,  
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

*Knowing you, Jesus...*

O, to know the power of your risen life  
and to know You in Your sufferings;  
to become like you in your death, my Lord,  
so with you to live and never die.

*Knowing you, Jesus...*

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**THE SERMON**

*preacher: Mark Wallace*

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**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: Immortal honours

Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head;  
my God, my portion, and my Living Bread;  
in Him I live, upon Him cast my care;  
He saves from death, destruction, and despair.

He is my refuge in each deep distress;  
the Lord my strength and glorious righteousness;  
through floods and flames He leads me safely on,  
and daily makes His sovereign goodness known.

My every need He richly will supply;  
nor will His mercy ever let me die;  
in Him there dwells a treasure all divine,  
and matchless grace has made that treasure mine.

O that my soul could love and praise Him more,  
His beauties trace, His majesty adore;  
live near His heart, rest in His love each day;  
hear His dear voice and all His will obey.

*William Gadsby (1773 - 1844)*

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## THE PRAYERS

### \* The Collect for the 17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.**

### \* The Intercessions

*led by Mark 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: 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 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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