

DIARY DETAILS

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

Wednesday 18th October

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

Thursday 19th October

7:45pm Deanery Synod at Fordham
8:00pm NGM* Community Group at 4 By. Mews

Sunday 22nd October (the 19th 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

The Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group. The next meeting with the *Faithful Friends Ministries* Community Group is planned for Tuesday 24th October, at 12 noon, in the Hall, starting with a light lunch.

Beacon House Celebration Service. This evening, 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 the 22nd and the 29th 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.

Pound coins. Did you know that from today the old style pound coins will not be accepted in shops etc.? However, the church will gladly take them from you and pay them into our bank account - just pop them in the collection box.

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 31st October, at 7:45pm, at 26 Rosebery Avenue, CO1 2UJ.

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.

Morning Service

Sunday 15th October 2017

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

HYMN: Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.

**We have left undone
those things that we ought to have done;
and we have done**

**those things that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.**

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.

Spare those who confess their faults.

**Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous
and godly life,**

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Almighty God,
who forges 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.

BIBLE READING: Psalm 18 v 1-19, 46-50

page 455-456 of the pew Bibles, read together

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Amazing grace

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

God's grace first taught my heart to fear,
his grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
his grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
my shield and stronghold he shall be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

BIBLE READING: Ephesians 2 v 1-10

page 976, read by James Wallace

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him;
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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THE SERMON: "sola gratia"

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

THE APOSTLES' 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.**

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!

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THE PRAYERS

*** The Collect for the 18th Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that,
forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Sheila Lloyd

*** 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.**

THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

HYMN: Before the throne

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see Him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb;
my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I am,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by His blood,
my life is hid with Christ on high;
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

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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.**
