

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 29th October (the Last 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

### Tuesday 31st October

7:45 for 8pm GHP\* meeting at 26 Rosebery Avenue

### Wednesday 1st November

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

### Thursday 2nd November

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

### Saturday 4th November

7:30pm CSO Concert at St Botolph's

### Sunday 5th November (the 4th Sunday before Advent)

9:45am Morning Service at St Botolph's  
11:00am Communion 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

**Shoeboxes.** 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 are available here in church. 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 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.

### Friends of Essex Churches Trust Ride and Stride.

Many thanks to Stephen Lloyd and Alan Gray, our cyclists this year, and to all their generous sponsors. £290 was raised, half of which goes back to our church.

**November Prayer Card.** The Prayer Card for November can be found in the pews today. Please be welcome to take a copy home.

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## A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

Our service this morning is led by Peter Holden. 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 29th October 2017**

*The Last Sunday after Trinity*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### HYMN: Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Thomas Chisholm, © 1923, Hope Publishing*

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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: Romans 7 v 14-25**

page 943-944 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.**

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**HYMN: How deep the Father's love for us**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure;  
how great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart:  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

*Stuart Townend, © 1995, Thankyou Music*

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**THE SECOND BIBLE READING: Romans 8 v 1-17**

page 944 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: Break thou the bread of life**

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as Thou didst break the bread beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit longs for Thee, Thou living Word!

Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;  
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

Oh, send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,  
that He may touch my eyes, and make me see:  
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,  
And in Thy Book revealed, I see Thee, O Lord.

Bless Thou the Bread of Life to me, to me,  
as Thou didst bless the loaves by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

*Mary A. Lathbury 1877; Alexander Groves*

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**THE SERMON**

*preacher: Stephen Lloyd*

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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: Before the throne of God above**

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.

*Vikki Cook (adapted from C.L. Bancroft), © 1997, Sovereign Grace Worship*

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## THE PRAYERS

### \* **The Collect for the last Sunday after Trinity**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

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### **HYMN: Love divine, all loves excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us your humble dwelling,  
all your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, you are all compassion,  
boundless love that makes us whole;  
visit us with your salvation,  
enter every trembling soul.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all your grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more your temple leave.  
You we would be always blessing,  
serve you as your hosts above,  
pray, and praise you without ceasing,  
glory in your perfect love.

Finish then your new creation:  
pure and sinless let us be;  
let us see your great salvation,  
perfect in eternity:  
changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
there to cast our crowns before you,  
lost in wonder, love and praise!

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

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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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