

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 5th November (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*

Wednesday 8th November

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

Thursday 9th November

8:00pm Community Group at *4 Bryanstone Mews*

Saturday 11th November

7:30pm Lexden Choral Soc'y Concert at *St Botolph's*

Sunday 12th November (3rd Sunday before Advent)

9:45am Remembrance Service at *St Botolph's*
10:50am Remembrance Service at *St Peter's*
3:00pm Recital at *St Botolph's*
6:30pm Joint Evening Service at *Castle*

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CHURCH NOTICES

Remembrance Sunday Service at 10:50am. Please note: our Morning Service next Sunday will start at the earlier time of 10:50am, to allow us to observe the minute's silence at 11am.

Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group. The next meeting of the *Faithful Friends Ministries* Community Group is planned for Tuesday 14th November, at 12 noon, in the Hall, starting with a light lunch. We will also meet on Tuesday 28th November.

The St Peter's Guest House Project. Information leaflets are available today. If you would like to be involved in the planning, the next meeting is on Tuesday 14th November. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Management Committee Meeting. This PCC sub-committee next meets on Tuesday 14th November, at the Vicarage (7:45 for 8pm).

Baptism: Daniel Cox. On Sunday 26th November, there will be a Baptism Service for Daniel Cox here at St Peter's at 11:00am.

Family Service. On Sunday 3rd December, we are planning to have a special Family Service here at St Peter's at 11:00am, followed by a light lunch in the Hall. All are welcome!

*** CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST PETER'S ***

Sunday 17th December

no Morning Service
4:00pm Parish Carol Service

Christmas Eve (Sun 24th)

11:00am Christmas Eve Communion Service
3:00pm Family Christingle Service

Christmas Day

10:30am Family Communion Service

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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 return to church towards the end of the service.

Thank you for joining us today.

Communion Service

Sunday 5th November 2017

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

HYMN: The Lord's my shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil;
and my cup, it overflows with joy -
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone...

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone...

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INTRODUCTION: The Lord's Supper

OPENING PRAYERS

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.

A time of silence, for private prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 - Luke 22:7-27

page 881-882 of the pew Bibles
read by Margaret Sawyer

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Here is love

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving-kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten,
throughout Heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion,
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the flood-gates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and Heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

Through the years of human darkness,
shone the lamp the prophets trimmed,
making known redemption's story,
of the love of God undimmed.
Christ for every tongue and nation!
All must come beneath his sway;
his the everlasting kingdom
that shall never pass away.

When the stars shall fall from heaven,
and the sun turn black as night,
when the skies recede and vanish,
and the elements ignite.
Then the Son of Man in glory,
coming as the Morning Star,
shall return to claim his loved ones,
gathered in from near and far.

William Rees (1802-1883)

SECOND BIBLE READING - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

page 958-959 of the pew Bibles
read by Dan Watts

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 SERMON

preacher: Mark Wallace

HYMN: There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit,
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father...

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever,
in that Holy Place.

Thank you, O my Father...

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THE PRAYERS

led by Richard Lawn

These responses may be used during the prayers

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CONFESSION PRAYERS

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather at the Lord's table we must recall the promises and warnings given to us in the Scriptures.

Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins. Let us give thanks to God for his redemption of the world through his Son Jesus Christ, and as we remember Christ's death for us, and receive this pledge of his love, let us resolve to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

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.

HYMN: Behold the Lamb

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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COMMUNION PRAYERS

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anybody sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank you that in your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; he made there a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself; He instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

In the same night that he was betrayed, he 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.” Amen.

When ushered, please come forwards to receive communion at the front (or, if preferred, for a prayer of blessing). Please return to your pew via the side aisles.

Please join in with the songs being sung during the administration of communion (words overleaf).

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.

HYMN: To God be the glory

To God be the glory! great things he has done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

let the earth hear His voice;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

let the people rejoice;

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory; great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God:

the vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...

Great things he has taught us,

great things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher and greater will be

our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...

Fanny J Crosby (1820-1915)

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.

THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

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)

O, 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.*

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THE REFORMATION SONG

sola, sola Scriptura, all Scripture is God-breathed
2 Timothy chapter 3, 16
The word of God is living and active,
sharper than a sword
It's all we need
it says in Hebrews 4.

Acts 4 says Christ alone saves – solus Christus.
Salvation is found in no-one else,
for there's no other name, under heaven
given to men by which we must be saved.

sola gratia and sola fide -
grace and faith alone can save
and there's no other way.
By Grace you have been saved,
through faith and this not,
from yourselves it is the gift of God
Ephesians 2

sola, sola Scriptura, all Scripture is God-breathed...

Acts 4 says Christ alone saves – solus Christus...

sola gratia and sola fide...

Glory, glory, glory - glory to God alone,
soli deo gloria - this is our song;
To him be the glory, forever. Amen.
That's verse 36 of Romans 11.

[tune: "Attention", Charlie Puth; with apologies!]