

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 19th November (2nd Sunday before Advent)

9:45am Morning Prayer at St Botolph's
11:00am Communion Service at St Peter's
3:00pm Nicholas McCarthy Recital at St Botolph's
6:30pm Joint Evening Service at Castle

Monday 20th November

12 noon Funeral: John Arnold at St Botolph's

Wednesday 22nd November

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

Thursday 23rd November

8:00pm Community Group at 4 Bryanstone Mews

Saturday 25th November

9:45am EELP Partnership Synod at St Paul's (RM3 9PT)
7:30pm Choral Society Concert at St Botolph's

Sunday 26th November (Sunday Next before Advent)

9:45am Covenant Communion at St Botolph's
11:00am Morning Service at St Peter's
6:30pm Joint Evening Service at Castle

CONTACT DETAILS

The Town Centre Parish Office

01206 572529 & towncentrepishoffice@gmail.com

Associate Minister: **Aella Gage** (07796 475130)
Churchwarden: **Dan Watts** (01206 866630)
Churchwarden: **Wendy Whitfield** (01206 842632)
PCC Secretary: **Julie Gallacher** (07894 064095)
PCC Treasurer: **Richard Lawn** (01206 540510)
Safeguarding Rep: **Morvern Cox** (07501 341000)
Vicar: **Mark Wallace** (01206 572641 or 07772 615378)
Vicar's PA: **Bernice Watts** (01206 572529)



CHURCH NOTICES

The Guest House Project opens soon... Leaflets about the project are available for this in church and via www.stpeterscolchester.org. Please pick up a Volunteer Application Form today if you would like to help. There are also rotas for Volunteers and Evening Meal Providers at the back of the church today.

Essex & East London Partnership Synod. This Saturday (at St Paul's, Harold Hill) there is an informal meeting for evangelicals in the Chelmsford Diocese - for clergy and lay leaders. Please contact the Vicar for more information, or if you might like to attend.

Daniel Cox's Baptism. Next Sunday (26th Nov), we are delighted that Matt and Morvern Cox are bringing Daniel for Baptism (here at St Peter's at 11:00am). Do join us!

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

Family Service & Church Lunch (3rd Dec). In two weeks' time, we are planning to have the first Family Service here at St Peters for many years (at 11:00am), followed by a Church Lunch in the Hall immediately after the Service.

A big "THANK YOU"... to everyone who donated items for the Christmas Shoeboxes for children in poor areas around the world, and to those involved in the shoebox packing and distribution. A total of 71 boxes were filled.

*** 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

Copyright information.

Hymns. All hymn words reproduced under CCL Licence No. 36619.

Readings. Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version Anglicised (ESVUK) Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

Prayers. Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, material from which is included in this service, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council (2000).

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 19th November 2017

The Second Sunday before Advent

Crown him the Lord of life;
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious from the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side -
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;
whose power a sceptre sways,
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
A city stands on high,
his glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.

Crown him the Lord of years;
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

M. Bridges (1800-1894) and G. Thring (1823-1903)

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.

HYMN: Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns;
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; when he shall appear in power and great glory may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, now and for ever.

Amen.

PSALM 16 — “You will not abandon my soul”

**Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”
As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
The sorrows of those who run after another god
shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad,
and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND BIBLE READING: Matthew 25 v 1-13

page 830 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.

HYMN: How sure the scriptures are

How sure the Scriptures are!
God’s vital, urgent word,
as true as steel, and far
more sharp than any sword:
So deep and fine,
at his control
they pierce where soul
and spirit join.

They test each human thought,
refining like a fire;
they measure what we ought
to do and to desire:
For God knows all
exposed it lies
before his eyes
to whom we call.

Let those who hear his voice
confronting them today,
reject the tempting choice
of doubting or delay:
For God speaks still
his word is clear,
so let us hear
and do his will!

Christopher Idle (from Hebrews 4), © Jubilate Hymns

THE SERMON

preacher: Mark Wallace

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 OF INTERCESSION

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.**

THE NOTICES

HYMN: When I survey

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)

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.

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.

THE ALL-AGE ZONE

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.

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty, © 2004, Thankyou Music

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

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times, I've wondered at your gift of life,
and I'm in that place once again,
yes, I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon
the cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you,
once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the Heavens, where one day I'll bow;
but for now, I'll marvel at your saving grace,
and I'm full of praise once again
yes, I'm full of praise once again.

And once again...

Matt Redman, © 1996, Thankyou Music

Man of sorrows! What a name

for the Son of God who came
ruined sinners to reclaim!
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood;
sealed my pardon with his blood;
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

Guilty, vile and helpless we;
spotless Lamb of God was he:
full atonement - can it be?
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

Lifted up was he to die:
'It is finished!' was his cry;
now in heav'n exalted high;
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

Philipp Bliss (1838-1876) alt.

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!]

