

The Guest House Project has been a joint venture between St Peter's Church and Beacon House.

Beacon House

Beacon House Ministries is a Christian Charity that was established to help homeless people, those in insecure accommodation and those at high risk of homelessness. Beacon House offers a wide range of support services, providing a necessary and vital lifeline to people who are homeless or in vulnerable tenancies. We provide practical support; showers, food, clothing and a nurse-led clinic. We aim to support people with a range of creative and personalised activities to get them into housing and employment.

We provide a drop-in service for homeless people and those living in temporary or insecure housing. Services on site include: Showering facilities, laundry, clothing & toiletries. We have a cafe open from 10am – 1.30pm offering hot food and drinks. We also offer: Life skills classes including IT, CV writing, support around cooking and budgeting, counselling, an IT suite, art and crafts room, games and drop-in support from other agencies. We also provide primary healthcare services to people who are homeless, in insecure accommodation, or at risk of homelessness in Colchester.

Might you be able to help throughout the year?

Give: Time We are always looking for volunteers who can spend time with our clients. Perhaps you could teach the Guitar? Perhaps you could help fill in a form? Whatever your skills, we can use them. Please email Beacon House, letting us know your skills and availability, as well as your contact details and we'll get back to you.

Give: Items Our supporters are very generous, but we do need a constant supply of basic supplies. Our urgent needs are listed on our website. Feel free to visit us with these items between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Friday. Please contact us on 01206 761960 before arriving.

Give: Finances It costs a minimum of £28 per hour to run Beacon House. In the coming years, we'd like to extend our services, and for this we need more monthly supporters. We support each client individually, and from time to time we feel it is only right to issue a training grant to significantly enhance a clients chance of a career. In short, we need the additional finance to be able to invest in our clients' future.

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THE ST PETER'S GUEST HOUSE PROJECT 2016-17

A Service of Thanksgiving

Sunday 12th March 2017

11:00am

St Peter's Church

THE COLCHESTER
TOWN CENTRE PARISH



CHURCH NOTICES

Parochial Church Council. The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday (14th Mar) at 7:30pm.

Hayden & Georgina are getting married... and everyone at St Peter's is invited to join them! The wedding will be at St Peter's, at 3pm on Saturday 25th March.

"Make a Mother's Day" (26th March). To celebrate Mother's Day at St Peter's, we will again be holding a Gift Day to enable us to sponsor children in developing countries, and to *Make a Mother's Day* - through Compassion UK. For more information, please see the leaflets in the pews today.

Celebration Evening for the Guest House Project. The Celebration Evening is being planned in for Tuesday 28th March, at 7pm in the Hall

The Annual Church Meetings. This year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Wednesday 29th March, in the Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

Stall sale. Geraldine and Ken will be having a stall sale around Easter time for the fabric fund. They need bric-a-brac, toiletries (excluding clothing) and your unused Christmas presents - and will accept items at any time.

St George's Day Civic Service. We welcome the Mayor and the Civic Party for this annual service at St Peter's on Sunday 23rd April.

Please bear with us... while we try to get the sound system working as well as possible!

Any notices for inclusion should be emailed or posted to the Vicar's PA by 9:15am on Thursday. Thank you.

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DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 12th March (The Second Sunday of Lent)

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

Monday 13th March

4:00pm Playball in the Church Hall

Tuesday 14th March

12 noon FFM* Community Group in the Church Hall
7:30pm St Peter's PCC Meeting in the Church Hall

Wednesday 15th March

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

Thursday 16th March

8:00pm CFM* Community Group (4 Bryanstone Mews)

Sunday 19th March (The Third Sunday of Lent)

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)
- * CFM: Children & Family Ministries (Thursday evenings)

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A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

Our service this morning is led by Rev Mark Wallace. Please stay on for refreshments after the service, which will be brought to you in the pews. 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.

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.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

HYMN: O Lord my God

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

When through the woods and forest glades
I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:
Then sings my soul...

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away our sin;
Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul...

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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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GUEST HOUSE PROJECT (1)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 53 v 1-9

page 613-614 of the pew Bibles
read by Margaret Holden

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Here is love, vast as the ocean

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)

REFLECTIONS ON THE GUEST HOUSE PROJECT (2)

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

led by Lizzie Wallace

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 5 v 1-11

page 942 of the pew Bibles
read by Wendy Whitfield

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Prepare our hearts, O God

Prepare our hearts, O God,
help us to receive;
break the hard and stony ground,
help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us,
cause it to bear fruit;
open up our ears to hear,
lead us in Your truth.

*Show us Christ, show us Christ,
O God, reveal Your glory
through the preaching of Your Word,
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light
upon our darkened eyes:
guards us through temptations,
makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
freedom for the slave,
riches for the needy soul -
come speak to us today!

*Show us Christ, show us Christ,
O God, reveal Your glory
through the preaching of Your Word,
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

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THE SERMON

preacher: Mark Wallace

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error
the light of your truth, that they may return to the
way of righteousness: grant to all those who are
admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that
they may reject those things that are contrary to
their profession, and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus
Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Intercessions

led by Duncan Breckels

At the end of the prayers...

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: 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.**
