

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 24th September *(the 15th after Trinity)*

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

### Tuesday 26th September

12 noon FFM Community Group in *the Church Hall*

### Wednesday 27th September

10:30am Communion Service at *St Peter's*

### Thursday 28th September

8:00pm NGM Community Gp at *4 Bryanstone Mews*

### Sunday 1st October *(the 16th after Trinity)*

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

*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)*

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**The Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group.** The *Faithful Friends Ministries* Community Group will meet on Tuesday 26th at 12 noon, in the Hall, starting with a light lunch.

**Flowers in Church.** Would you like to help with the flower arrangements in church from time to time? Please talk to Geraldine Joslin (795768) or Bernice Watts (572529). No previous experience required.

**Reformation Event.** As part of the 500th anniversary of The Reformation, you are invited to a free event at the Moot Hall on Sunday 8th October, at 6:00pm for 6:30pm start. The evening, which will include music and prayer, will be led by Rev Mark Wallace, and Rev Dr Lee Gatiss will be speaking on *'The Reformation: Tragedy and the Triumph'*. Please reserve a place at <https://colchester-reformation.eventbrite.co.uk>.

**'Standing for Christ in the Public Square.'** The Christian Institute are visiting Colchester in October, aiming to encourage Christians to be confident and effective in standing for Christ in the public square - Tuesday 3rd October at 8:00pm at Wivenhouse House Hotel, CO4 3SQ.

**Rotas for November - February.** It would be very helpful if people could let us know their "unavailability" for the next set of rotas by 8th October. This information can be entered online directly into *My ChurchApp* ([stpeterscolchester.churchapp.co.uk](http://stpeterscolchester.churchapp.co.uk) - go to *My Rotas*, then scroll down to *Unavailability*). If you need new or replacement login details, please ask Bernice.

*Any notices for inclusion should be emailed or posted to the Parish Office (see over for contact details) by 9:15am on Thursday. Thank you.*

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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.

**Thank you for joining us today.**



# HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday 24th September 2017**

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### **HYMN: Come, you thankful people, come**

Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest-home!

We ourselves are God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home,  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all be safely gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there for ever purified  
in God's garner to abide:  
come, ten thousand angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home!

*Henry Alford (1810-1871) alt.*

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## CONFESSION

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and have acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you are the One who have given them to us. Father in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

May the Lord enrich us with his grace, and nourish us with his blessing; the Lord defend us in trouble and keep us from all evil; the Lord accept our prayers and forgive us for all our offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## PSALM 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
**and to you shall vows be performed.**

O you who hear prayer,  
**to you shall all flesh come.**

When iniquities prevail against me,  
**you atone for our transgressions.**

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,  
**to dwell in your courts!**

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your  
house,  
**the holiness of your temple!**

By awesome deeds

**you answer us with righteousness,**

O God of our salvation,

**the hope of all the ends of the earth**

and of the farthest seas;

**the one who by his strength established the  
mountains,**

being girded with might;

**who stills the roaring of the seas,**

the roaring of their waves,

**the tumult of the peoples,**

so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are  
in awe at your signs.

**You make the going out of the morning and the  
evening to shout for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it;

**you greatly enrich it;**

the river of God is full of water;

**you provide their grain,**

for so you have prepared it.

**You water its furrows abundantly,**

settling its ridges,

**softening it with showers,**

and blessing its growth.

**You crown the year with your bounty;**

your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

**The pastures of the wilderness overflow,**

the hills gird themselves with joy,

**the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,**

the valleys deck themselves with grain,

**they shout and sing together for joy.**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## HYMN: We plough the fields and scatter

We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:

he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star:  
he fills the earth with beauty,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us...*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good;  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.

Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us...*

*Matthias Claudius (1740-1815), translated J. M. Campbell (1817-1878)*

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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### BIBLE READING: 2 Corinthians 9 v 6-15

page 968, read by Sheila Lloyd

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## HYMN: Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia...*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened up to you;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia...*

*Karen Lafferty, © 1972, Maranatha Music*

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## THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

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## HYMN: You're the Word of God the Father

You're the Word of God the Father  
from before the world began;  
every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together  
by the power of your voice:  
let the skies declare your glory,  
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
and your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry,  
with a word you stilled the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered  
that the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation...*

With a shout you rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven  
leading captives in your wake.  
Now you stand before the Father  
interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation  
you are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation...*

*Stuart Townend, © 2002, Thankyou Music*

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## THE PRAYERS

### \* The Collect for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

### \* The Intercessions

led by Duncan Breckels

### \* The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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## HYMN: Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices:  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

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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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