

## DIARY DETAILS

### 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

### Tuesday 14th November

12 noon FFM\* Community Group in the Hall  
7:45 for 8pm PCC Subcommittee meeting at the Vicarage  
7:45 for 8pm GHP\* meeting at 26 Rosebery Avenue

### Wednesday 15th November

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

### Thursday 16th November

8:00pm CFM Community Group  
at 4 Bryanstone Mews

### Friday 17th November

7:30pm Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir Concert  
at St Botolph's

### Saturday 18th November

7:00pm The Mayor's Charity Concert at St Botolph's

### Sunday 19th November (the 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

*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)

❖ GHP: Guest House Project, our winter homeless shelter

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**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.

**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.

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

**Christmas Shoeboxes.** A big Thank You to everyone who donated items for children in poor areas around the world, for those who organised the shoebox afternoon last Sunday where lots of boxes were filled, and to Geraldine and Pete for collecting them all to go for distribution.

**Christmas Tree Festival.** Lion Walk United Reformed Church is holding a Christmas Tree Festival from 9th to 16th December. For more information and how to be involved, please contact Helen Bird, Flower Secretary at Lion Walk [flowers@lionwalkchurch.org](mailto:flowers@lionwalkchurch.org) (574573).

### LOOKING AHEAD...

Sun 26th Nov Baptism Service for Daniel Cox

Mon 27 Nov GHP Training & Information Evening

Sun 3 Dec Family Service

Thu 14 Dec The St Peter's Guest House Project opens

### \*\*\* 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!**

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 stay on for refreshments after the service, which will be brought to you in the pews. Please note: we do not take up a collection during the service - if you would like to make a financial donation, there is a 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 third 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. Please collect your child immediately after the end of the service.

**Thank you for joining us today.**

# **Remembrance Sunday Service**

**Sunday 12th November 2017**

*The Third Sunday before Advent*



The flower of earthly splendour  
in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender  
to you, the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature  
th'eternal seed is sown -  
though small in mortal stature,  
to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ the man from heaven  
from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given  
the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour  
may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.

*Michael Perry, © Mrs B Perry*

## WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

The Lord reigns for ever;  
**he has established his throne for judgment.**  
He will judge the world in righteousness;  
**he will govern the peoples with justice.**

*Psalm 9 v 7-8*

Praise the Lord, all you nations;  
**extol him, all you peoples.**  
For great is his love towards us  
**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.**

*Psalm 117*

We have come together to worship Almighty God;  
to offer him praise and thanksgiving  
for our nation's deliverance in time of war;  
to recall to our minds those who through death,  
or injury or bereavement,  
suffered to bring peace and freedom to our world;  
to seek his forgiveness for our failure to achieve  
reconciliation between the nations,  
and to ask for strength to overcome evil  
and injustice wherever it is found.

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## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Jesus said:  
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid."

Jesus also said:  
"Love your enemies  
and pray for those who persecute you."

As we realise our failure  
to live up to Christ's standards  
and to obey his commands,  
let us come in penitence to seek God's forgiveness,  
as we say together:

**Almighty and merciful God,  
Lord of men and nations,  
we confess with shame the sins,  
both private and public,  
by which we have broken your law  
and grieved your Spirit.  
We acknowledge the reproach  
that war has brought upon the name of Christ.  
We confess our lack of love for you  
and for our fellow men.**

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## HYMN: O God beyond all praising

O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today,  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

*continued over*

**For the sake of your Son, who died for us,  
save us from our sins.  
Take from us all hatred and bitterness,  
whether in thought, word or action.  
Teach us to forgive, as we are forgiven,  
so that we may grow more like him  
and live our lives according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised to forgive all who repent of their sins and believe in his Son, Jesus Christ; grant us pardon for our sins, peace in our hearts, strength in his service, and everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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## THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*Verses from Psalm 103 are read.*

Let us remember with gratitude those who,  
in the cause of peace and in the service of humanity,  
died for their country in time of war;  
those whom we knew,  
and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died  
in the service of the peoples of the world.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
we will remember them.  
**We will remember them.**

*The two-minute silence is kept.*

*At the conclusion of the two-minute silence, the  
Kohima Epitaph is read:*

When you go home, tell them of us and say:  
for your tomorrow we gave our today."

*At the conclusion of the Act of Remembrance, a wreath  
of poppies is laid by members of 2nd Battalion, The  
Parachute Regiment.*

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## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

We offer now to Almighty God  
our thanksgiving for the many blessings  
with which he has enriched our lives.

For the Queen and her family, and all who under her  
bear the responsibility of government:

**Thanks be to God.**

For those who serve in the Armed Forces of the  
Crown on sea, land, and air:

**Thanks be to God.**

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister  
to those in need or distress:

**Thanks be to God.**

For the unity of our people within the  
Commonwealth:

**Thanks be to God.**

For the sacrifices made, especially in two world wars,  
whereby our peace has been preserved:

**Thanks be to God.**

For the Royal British Legion  
and all who help those in need:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

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## FIRST READING: Amos 5 v 14-27

page 767-768

read by Wendy Whitfield

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## HYMN: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
through this world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
now and to eternity:  
here possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

Saviour, by your grace restore us -  
all our weaknesses are plain;  
you have lived on earth before us,  
you have felt our grief and pain:  
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,  
from the depths you rose again.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with holy peace;  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cease:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

**SECOND READING:** James 4 v 1-10  
page 1012-1013  
read by Margaret Holden

*At the end of the reading...*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## THE SERMON

preacher: Mark Wallace

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## HYMN: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name:  
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1961, Oxford University Press*

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## THE PRAYERS

*The Collect for Remembrance Sunday:*

Almighty Father,  
whose will it is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
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 Matt Cox

*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.**

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## THE NOTICES

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### HYMN: O God our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night,  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

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## THE ACT OF RECOMMITMENT

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God  
and our fellow men and women:  
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,  
and support those working  
for the relief of the needy  
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and all mankind,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit;  
give us wisdom;  
give us courage;  
give us hope;  
and keep us faithful  
now and always. Amen.**

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## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen,  
long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
on her be pleased to pour,  
long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
and give us ever cause,  
to sing with heart and voice:  
God save the Queen.

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## THE CONCLUSION

God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,  
and all humankind, peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
come down upon us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Coming up at St Peter's...*

## Christmas Services



### Sunday 17th December

*no Morning Service*

4:00pm Parish Carol Service

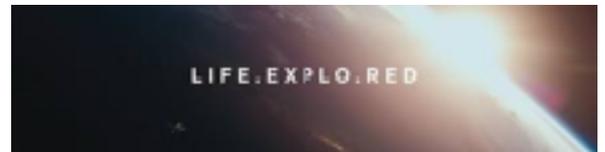
### Christmas Eve (Sun 24th)

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## LIFE EXPLORED

**starting in the New Year**

for details, or to book a place

contact the Parish Office (see back page)

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