

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 2nd October (Trinity 19)

9:45am Harvest Festival Service at St Botolph's
11:00am Communion Service at St Peter's
4:45pm Communion Service at Freda Gunton Lodge
6:30pm Joint Evening Service at Castle Methodist

Tuesday 4th October

8:00pm JRM* Community Group at 83 Northgate Street

Wednesday 5th October

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

Thursday 6th October

8:00pm CFM* Community Group at the Vicarage

Sunday 9th October (Trinity 20)

9:45am Communion Service at St Botolph's
11:00am Morning Service at St Peter's
followed by the Church Lunch in the Hall
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)
- * CFM: Children & Family Ministries (Thursday evenings)

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CHURCH NOTICES

Community Group Open Evening. This Thursday night, at the Vicarage, there is an Open Evening for all those who have never been to a Community Group - to see what they are like! Everyone welcome, from 8pm to 9:30pm.

Church Lunch next Sunday (9th October). Another church is being planned, in the Church Hall after the Morning Service. All are welcome.

Extra PCC Meeting. The additional Church Council meeting, to make a decision on the first phase of the Redevelopment Project, is planned for 7:30pm on Tuesday 11th October, in the Hall.

Rotas for November onwards. It would be very helpful if people could let us know their "unavailability" for the next set of rotas by 9th October. Thank you to those who have already done so. This information can now be entered online directly into *My ChurchApp* (stpeterscolchester.churchapp.co.uk - go to *My Rotas*, then scroll down to *Unavailability*). If you need new or replacement login details, please ask Bernice.

Rough Sleepers Count. Volunteers are needed for a count of people sleeping rough in the Borough. This yearly count is organised by Colchester Borough Homes and is planned for 17th November (overnight until the following morning). If you are interested, please contact office@beaconhouseministries.org.uk (761960).

ON THE PIANO TODAY...

- * the Prayer Card for October
- * copies of "Ministry Needs & Opportunities"
- * the Termcard for September to November
- * the latest edition of *The Month* (the Chelmsford Diocesan newspaper)

Any notices for inclusion should be emailed or posted to the Vicar's PA (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 Aella Gage. Please stay on for refreshments after the service, which will be served at the back of 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.

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.

Communion Service

Sunday 2nd October 2016

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

HYMN: All my days

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails:
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated, and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And You reign, You reign over all.*

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
where countless worshippers will share one song
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

Beautiful Saviour...

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PRAYERS OF PREPARATION & CONFESSION

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.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

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.**

THE COLLECT FOR THIS SUNDAY (Trinity 19)

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.**

BIBLE READINGS

1st reading: 2 Samuel 7 v 8-16 (p 259)
read by Keith Browne

2nd reading: Romans 1 v 1-7 (p 939)
read by Denise Thompson

At the end of each reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Jesus is King

Jesus is king and I will extol him,
give him the glory, and honour his name;
he reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,
Word of the Father, exalted for us.

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,
gone through the curtain and touching the throne;
we have a Priest who is there interceding,
pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

We come to him, our Priest and Apostle,
clothed in his glory and bearing his name;
laying our lives with gladness before Him,
filled with his Spirit we worship the king.

O Holy One, our hearts do adore you,
thrilled with your goodness we give you our praise;
angels in light with worship surround him
Jesus, our Saviour, forever the same.

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THE SERMON

preacher: Aella Gage

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

led by Richard Lawn

These responses may be used during the prayers
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers

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

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

HYMN: In Christ alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh,
fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And, as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns, or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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COMMUNION

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest, who has loosed us from our sins and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you, our God and Father.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, on the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

Christ is the bread of life:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

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.

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.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

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)

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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.

When ushered, please come forwards to receive communion at the front (or, if preferred, for a prayer of blessing).

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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.

OCTOBER PRAYER POINTERS

1. **The Sick.** Pray for those who are sick or suffering in our congregation; pray for peace, comfort and healing; pray for an unshakeable trust in Jesus.
2. **Today's Service.** Pray for our Communion Service today, with Aella preaching from Romans 1:1-7; pray that we might be welcoming to visitors.
3. **Jericho Road Ministries.** Pray for the *Guest House Project*; pray for potential involvement in the Soup Run; pray for the *Refugee Relief Project* (in January).
4. **The Redevelopment Project.** Pray for the ongoing planning and the early stages of fund-raising; pray for wisdom for all involved; pray for the end result to be a building that is useful for gospel ministry for generations to come
5. **Church Wardens.** Pray for Dan Watts and Wendy Whitfield with their responsibilities in our church; pray for wisdom, graciousness and energy; pray also for today's Wednesday Communion.
6. **The Bereaved.** Pray for all who have lost loved ones in recent weeks or years; pray for comfort and peace; pray for a true confidence in God's unfailing goodness at all times.
7. **SPK & Creche.** Pray for the younger children who are part of our church, and who join us on Sunday mornings; pray for wisdom and patience for their parents; pray for those who lead and help out in SPK on Sunday mornings.
8. **Church Lunch.** Pray for our Church Lunch tomorrow to be a good time of fun, fellowship and encouragement.
9. **Today's Service.** Pray for our Morning Service today, with Mark preaching from Romans 1:8-17; pray that we might be welcoming to visitors.
10. **Global Mission.** Pray that as a church we might have a growing desire to be involved in world missions; pray that we might have more and more of a global perspective; pray that we who have much might be generous to those who have little.
11. **Parochial Church Council.** Pray for wisdom for all on our PCC, meeting tonight, that they may be wise and discerning in all their deliberations.
12. **Balkerne Gardens.** Pray for all the residents and staff; pray for all those from BG who come to our Wednesday Communion today at 10:30am.

13. **Richard Oliveira.** Pray for Richard and his family in Brazil, part of our sponsorship link through Compassion.
14. **A trust in the Lord.** May we at all times remember that unless the Lord builds the house, the labourers labour in vain; pray that we might trust in Jesus for all things; pray that we might labour fruitfully in his service.
15. **University students.** Pray for those starting university this autumn; pray also for students from our own congregation; pray for Rock Solid (meeting Sunday lunchtimes).
16. **Today's Service.** Pray for our Morning Service today, with Mark preaching from Romans 1:18-32; pray that we might be welcoming to visitors.
17. **Deanery & Diocese.** Pray our Bishops, Archdeacon and Area Dean, for wisdom in leadership and godliness in service; pray for our churches locally in their ministries; pray for Deanery Synod meeting tonight at West Bergholt.
18. **Young people.** Pray for those in our church aged 11-18; pray that they might feel part of our church family; pray that they might have strength to live for Jesus in today's culture.
19. **The Elderly.** Pray for the development of our *Faithful Friends Ministries* caring for the elderly in need; pray for those in our church who need care and support; pray for our Wednesday Communion today at 10:30am.
20. **Finance.** Pray for God to continue to graciously provide all that we need through the sacrificial giving of his people; pray for Richard, our Treasurer; pray for wise stewardship in all things.
21. **Problems with access.** Pray for all those who struggle to get into our church building, especially those who cannot now come into church.
22. **The Guest House Project.** Pray for the planning for this shelter for the homeless (opening 15th Dec); pray for practical arrangements and for spiritual fruitfulness.
23. **Today's Service.** Pray for our Morning Service today, with Mark preaching from Romans 2; pray that we might be welcoming to visitors.
24. **William Wade & SASRA.** Pray for the ongoing work on the Colchester Garrison; pray for Christian soldiers to be faithful to their calling.
25. **Prayerfulness.** Pray for our church to be more and more prayerful.
26. **Community Groups.** Pray for all who belong to these groups, that they might be valuable times of fellowship and encouragement together; pray also for today's Wednesday Communion.
27. **St Botolph's & other Town Centre churches.** Pray for other churches in Colchester, and especially our sister church, St Botolph's; pray for wisdom, faithfulness and fruitfulness.
28. **Staff Team.** Pray for Mark and Aella, that they might be godly in both their lifestyle and their teaching; pray for strength and wisdom; pray for their families and home lives; pray for others who help with our services (Duncan Breckels, Peter Holden & Tony Rose).
29. **Mary Crist Bilardo.** Pray for Mary and her family in the Philippines, part of our sponsorship link through Compassion.
30. **Today's Service.** Pray for our Morning Service today, with Mark preaching from Romans 3:1-20; pray that we might be welcoming to visitors.

*These prayer pointers
are also available
in the October Prayer Card.*

