

## DIARY DETAILS

### 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

### Tuesday 11th October

12 noon FFM\* Community Group at 83 Northgate Street  
7:30pm PCC Meeting in the Church Hall

### Wednesday 12th October

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

### Thursday 13th October

8:00pm CFM\* Community Group at the Vicarage

### Sunday 16th October (Trinity 21)

9:45am Morning Service at St Botolph's  
11:00am Morning Service at St Peter's  
12:30pm Rock Solid in the Church Hall  
4:45pm Communion Service at Freda Gunton Lodge  
6:30pm Joint Evening Service at Castle Methodist

### LOOKING AHEAD...

Tue 1 Nov Community Group Open Evening  
Thu 10 Nov Shoebox Appeal Evening  
Thu 15 Dec The St Peter's Guest House Project opens  
mid-January The Refugee Relief Project (tbc)

*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)

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Vicar's PA: **Bernice Watts** (01206 572529)

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Church Lunch today.** All are welcome to join us in the Church Hall after the service this morning. We will also be looking together at various aspects of the church's life. *Disabled access is available - please ask for assistance.*

**A big, big thank you...** to all those who gave so generously at our Harvest Festival. We were able to hand over eight large boxes of gifts to Beacon House, to be used to support the homeless here in the Colchester town centre.

**Additional PCC Meeting.** The Church Council meeting, to make a decision on the first phase of the Redevelopment Project, will be this Tuesday (11th Oct), at 7:30pm 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 the end of today. Thank you to those who have already done so. These details can be entered online now, directly into *My ChurchApp* ([stpeterscolchester.churchapp.co.uk](http://stpeterscolchester.churchapp.co.uk) - go to *My Rotas*, scroll down to *Unavailability*). If you need new login details, please ask Bernice.

**Friends International.** This Christian charity works to support international students and welcomes volunteers from different churches. If you would like to know more, please pick up a news update from the piano, or speak to Morvern Cox, who works for the organisation and who has recently joined St Peter's.

**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 Beacon House on 01206 761960.

### ON THE PIANO TODAY...

- \* the Prayer Card for October
- \* the Termcard for September to November
- \* the Friends International news update
- \* copies of "Ministry Needs & Opportunities"
- \* 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.*

## 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 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.**

# Morning Service

**Sunday 9th October 2016**

*The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*cf Psalm 51:15, 70:1*

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

## HYMN: To God be the glory!

To God be the glory! great things he has done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!*

*let the earth hear His voice;*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!*

*let the people rejoice;*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*

*and give him the glory; great things he has done.*

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God:  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...*

Great things he has taught us,  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...*

*Fanny J Crosby (1820-1915)*

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## CONFESSION

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*Psalm 51:17*

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.**

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## HYMN: My Jesus, my Saviour

My Jesus, my Saviour -  
Lord, there is none like you;  
all of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord, all the Earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King;  
mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of Your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of your hand,  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand,  
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

Darlene Zschech, © 1993, Hillsong Publishing

## HYMN: King of kings, majesty

King of kings, majesty  
God of Heaven living in me,  
gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
strong deliverer, beginning and end,  
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow,  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and Heaven worship you,  
love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.

*Your majesty, I can but bow...*

Jarrod Cooper, © 1996, Sovereign Lifestyle Music

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## INTERVIEW

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### BIBLE READING: Romans 1:8-18

page 939 of the pew Bibles  
read by Duncan Breckels

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## 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...*

Doug Plank & Bob Kauffman, © 2011, Sovereign Grace Worship)

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## THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

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## THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## HYMN: O Breath of Life

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your Church with life and pow'r;  
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your Church in ev'ry part!

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then, in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore - for this we plead.

Revive us, Lord; is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting -  
equip thy Church to spread the light.

*Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)*

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## THE PRAYERS

*The Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity:*

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up  
within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to  
live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do  
your will, that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life; 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.**

The Intercessions  
led by Lenny Lewis

*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

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### HYMN: Lord of the church

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:  
Christ over all, our undivided aim;  
fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,  
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!  
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,  
the will that lacks the courage to be free,  
the weary labours, all but unavailing,  
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,  
a true repentance and a faith restored,  
a swift obedience and a new possessing,  
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!  
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,  
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:  
the living water for our souls' reviving,  
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,  
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;  
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,  
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!  
So lead us on, till toil and trouble ended,  
one church triumphant one new song shall sing  
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,  
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1984, Oxford University Press*

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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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