

DIARY DETAILS

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

Monday 17th October

7:45pm Deanery Synod at St Mary's, West Bergholt

Tuesday 18th October

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

Wednesday 19th October

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

Thursday 20th October

8:00pm CFM* Community Group at the Vicarage

Sunday 23rd October (Trinity 22)

9:45am Communion Service at St Botolph's
11:00am Morning Service at St Peter's
12:30pm Rock Solid in the Church 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

Rock Solid... begins today, with lunch in the Hall after the service. *Rock Solid* is particularly for students, but all aged 16-30 are welcome.

Spanish Gospel Mission. All are welcome to hear Manolo Valero speaking about the gospel work in central & southern Spain on Friday (21st) at 8pm, at Artillery Street Evangelical Church. Please pick up a card in church today.

Sponsored Walk. Brian New is doing a sponsored walk to Tiptree and back on Saturday 29th, for the St Botolph's Tower Fund. Do sponsor him!

Church Lunch: REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE. The next Church Lunch (on Sun 6th Nov) will include a presentation on the Redevelopment Project and an opportunity to ask questions. Do please join us!

Sceptics Welcome! The next *Sceptics Welcome* group begins on Monday 7th November (7:30pm in Waterston's on the High Street). For all those with doubts, or who want to explore Christianity a little more - contact Aella Gage.

OCC Shoebox Appeal. This year's evening spent packing shoeboxes for the Christmas Child Appeal will be on Thursday 10th November, in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

Remembrance Sunday Service at 10:50am. Please note: the service on Sunday 13th November will start at the earlier time of 10:50am.

Repair of the medieval window. The Public Notices are on display (in the porch and on the railings) for 28 days according to the legal requirement of the faculty process.

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)

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 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.

Morning Service

Sunday 16th October 2016

The Twenty-first 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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
Come all who hear:
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise him in glad adoration!

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

Praise to the Lord,
above all things so mightily reigning:
keeping us safe at his side,
and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord -
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen!"
sound from his people again -
gladly with praise we adore him!

Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and others

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.**

PSALM 19

page 456 of the pew Bibles

HYMN: Amazing grace

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

God's grace first taught my heart to fear,
his grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
his grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
my shield and stronghold he shall be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

BIBLE READING: Romans 1 v 16-32

page 939 of the pew Bibles
read by Lizzie Wallace

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: How sure the scriptures are

How sure the Scriptures are!
God's vital, urgent word,
as true as steel, and far
more sharp than any sword:
So deep and fine,
at his control
they pierce where soul
and spirit join.

They test each human thought,
refining like a fire;
they measure what we ought
to do and to desire:
For God knows all
exposed it lies
before his eyes
to whom we call.

Let those who hear his voice
confronting them today,
reject the tempting choice
of doubting or delay:
For God speaks still
his word is clear,
so let us hear
and do his will!

Christopher Idle (from Hebrews 4), © Jubilate Hymns

THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

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.**

HYMN: Ye servants of God

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE PRAYERS

The Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity:
Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful
people pardon and peace, that they may be
cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a
quiet mind; 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 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: 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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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.**
