

DIARY DETAILS

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

Tuesday 25th October

12 noon FFM* Community Group in the Church Hall
no JRM* Community Group tonight

Wednesday 26th October

10:30am Communion Service at St Peter's

Thursday 27th October

no CFM* Community Group tonight

Sunday 30th October (4th Sunday before Advent)

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... continues today, with lunch in the Hall after the service. *Rock Solid* is particularly for students, but all aged 18-24 are welcome.

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, starting at 7:30pm 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.

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.

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 22 Nov GHP Training & Information 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 23rd October 2016

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

HYMN: See, what a morning!

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honour and blessing, glory and praise,
to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with Him,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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INTRODUCTION & CONFESSION

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.

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 62

On God alone my soul in stillness waits;
from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

How long will all of you assail me to destroy me,
as you would a tottering wall or a leaning fence?

They plot only to thrust me down from my place of honour; lies are their chief delight;
they bless with their mouth, but in their heart they curse.

Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul;
for in him is my hope.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my strength and my glory;
God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, my people;
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

The peoples are but a breath, the whole human race
a deceit;
on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.

Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty
pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same,
that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN: The kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

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BIBLE READING: Romans 2 v 1-29

page 940 of the pew Bibles
read by Bernice Watts

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

HYMN: Be still, for the presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him;
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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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.**

THE PRAYERS

The Collect for the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity:
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Mark Wallace

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.**

HYMN: Immortal honours

Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head;
my God, my portion, and my Living Bread;
in Him I live, upon Him cast my care;
He saves from death, destruction, and despair.

He is my refuge in each deep distress;
the Lord my strength and glorious righteousness;
through floods and flames He leads me safely on,
and daily makes His sovereign goodness known.

My every need He richly will supply;
nor will His mercy ever let me die;
in Him there dwells a treasure all divine,
and matchless grace has made that treasure mine.

O that my soul could love and praise Him more,
His beauties trace, His majesty adore;
live near His heart, rest in His love each day;
hear His dear voice and all His will obey.

William Gadsby (1773 - 1844)

THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

HYMN: Jesus is Lord - the cry that echoes

"Jesus is Lord" –
the cry that echoes through creation:
resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock,
the Son of God,
the King whose glory fills the heavens,
yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

"Jesus is Lord" –
whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown,
Jesus the Man,
who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

"Jesus is Lord" –
the tomb is gloriously empty,
not even death could crush this King of love.
The price is paid,
the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
and we can run into the arms of God.

"Jesus is Lord" –
a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
as He returns, and every knee bows low.
Then every eye
and every heart will see His glory,
the Judge of all will take His children home.

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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.**
