

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 26th November (*Christ the King*)

9:45am Covenant Communion at *St Botolph's*  
11:00am Morning Service at *St Peter's*  
6:30pm Joint Evening Service at *Castle*

### Monday 27th November

7:30pm GHP Volunteer Training Session in the Hall

### Tuesday 28th November

12noon Lunchtime Community Group in the Hall

### Wednesday 29th November

10:30am Communion Service at *St Peter's*

### Thursday 30th November

8:00pm Community Group at *4 Bryanstone Mews*

### Friday 1st December

7:00pm Crafty Drama: 'Mary Poppins' at *St Botolph's*

### Sunday 3rd December (*The First Sunday of Advent*)

9:45am Advent Carol Service at *St Botolph's*  
11:00am Family Service at *St Peter's*  
3:00pm Colne Endeavour Concert at *St Botolph's*  
6:30pm Joint Evening Service at *Castle*

❖GHP: Guest House Project, our winter homeless shelter

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**The Guest House Project opens soon...** Leaflets about the project are available for this in church and via [www.stpeterscolchester.org](http://www.stpeterscolchester.org). Please pick up a Volunteer Application Form today if you would like to help. There are also rotas for Volunteers and Evening Meal Providers at the back of the church today.

**Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group.** The next meeting of the *Faithful Friends Ministries* Community Group is planned for Tuesday 28th November, at 12 noon, in the Hall, starting with a light lunch.

**Family Service & Church Lunch (3rd Dec).** Next Sunday, we will be having a Family Service here at St Peter's (at 11:00am), followed by a Church Lunch in the Hall immediately after the Service. Do join us!

**Home insurance...** To celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ecclesiastical Insurance (the company who insure our church) will donate £130 to St Peter's for every new home insurance policy taken out by any church member before the end of next year. When yours comes up for renewal, why not ask them for a quote? For more details please see the poster in church or speak to Richard Lawn.

### \*\*\* 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

10:00am Family Communion Service

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## **A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!**

Our service this morning is led by Daniel Watts. 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 note that we do not take a collection during the service: if you would like to give, please use the 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 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 return to church towards the end of the service.

**Thank you for joining us today.**

# **Morning Service** **inc. the Baptism of Daniel Cox**

**Sunday 26th November 2017**

*The Festival of Christ the King*

## 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.**

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## THE FIRST BIBLE READING: Luke 1:39-56

page 856 of the pew Bibles  
read by Lenny Lewis

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

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## HYMN: My heart is filled with thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who bore my pain;  
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again;  
who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
and clothed me in His light  
and wrote His law of righteousness  
with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who walks beside;  
who floods my weaknesses with strength  
and causes fears to fly;  
whose ev'ry promise is enough  
for ev'ry step I take,  
sustaining me with arms of love  
and crowning me with grace.

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 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.

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## HYMN: At the name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him king of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who, from the beginning, was the mighty Word.

*[SPK & Creche depart]*

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;  
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to him who reigns above,  
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
is given by the King;  
so I will give my life, my all,  
to love and follow him.

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### **THE SECOND BIBLE READING: Matthew 25:14-30**

page 830-831 of the pew Bibles  
read by Clare Reid

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **HYMN: Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
to receive the food of your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
all Your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built  
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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### **THE SERMON**

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

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### **HYMN: Be thou my vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight;  
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joys to me, bright Heaven's Sun!  
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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### **THE PRAYERS**

*The Collect for Christ the King*

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended  
to the throne of heaven that he might rule  
over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order  
to worship at his feet;  
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 Sheila Lloyd

*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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### THE BAPTISM OF DANIEL COX

*After an introduction, the minister asks the church*

People of God, will you welcome Daniel and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

**All With the help of God, we will.**

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith, and walk with him in the way of Christ?

**R With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism, Daniel begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**R With the help of God, we will.**

### THE DECISION

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**R I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**R I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**R I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**R I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**R I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**R I come to Christ.**

### SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The minister makes the sign of the cross on Daniel's forehead, saying*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**All Amen.**

### PRAYER OVER THE WATER

#### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with Matthew and Morvern, and Daniel's godparents, the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All 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 BAPTISM

#### THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Daniel, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

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**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.**

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