

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 21st January *(The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany)*

9:45am Morning Service at *St Botolph's*
11:00am Communion Service at *St Peter's*
4:30pm Joint Evening Service at *Castle Methodist*

Tuesday 23rd January

12noon FFM* Community Group at the *Hall*
7:45/8pm Life Explored at the *Vicarage*

Wednesday 24th January

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

Thursday 25th January

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

Sunday 28th January *(4th Sunday of Epiphany)*

9:45am Communion Service at *St Botolph's*
10:50am Morning Service at *St Peter's*
3:00pm Recital at *St Botolph's*
4:30pm Joint Evening Service at *Castle*

The focus of each Community Group is as follows:

* FFM: Faithful Friends Ministries (Tuesday lunchtimes)

* JRM: Jericho Road Ministries (Tuesday evenings)

* NGM: Next Generation Ministries (Thursday evenings)

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CHURCH NOTICES

The Electoral Roll is due to be updated before the APCM in March. If you would like to apply to have your name added to the Electoral Roll of St Peter's, please speak to Clare Reid (the PCC's Electoral Roll Officer) before the end of February.

A letter from Jessie Ho, who was part of our church family for some time but has now moved to New Zealand, is available to pick up from church today.

The 'Faithful Friends' Community Group that meets on a Tuesday lunchtime is due to meet next on Tuesday 23rd January, at 12 noon, in the Church Hall, starting with a light lunch and finishing around 1:30pm.

The Funeral of Sam Jones will be at St Botolph's Church on Tuesday 30th January, at 1:30pm.

The next full PCC meeting is due to be on Saturday 3rd February, 9 for 9:15am.

The Annual Church Meetings for 2018 will be held on Wednesday 21st March (7:45 for 8pm).

'Nativity 2018' is a modern medieval mystery play by Rod Green, being presented by Christ Church & the Colchester Theatre Group on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd February. For tickets and more information, please see noticeboard at the back of the church.

Concerts coming up at St Botolph's... On Saturday 3rd February at 7:30pm there will be a Mayor's Charity Concert with the Colchester Bach Choir. On Sunday 4th February at 3:00pm there will be another charity concert (*Something to celebrate*).

Items for inclusion in the Notices or Diary should be emailed to the Town Centre Parish Office or posted to the Town Centre Vicarage to arrive by 12 noon on the preceding Tuesday.

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A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

Our service this morning is led by Rev Mark Wallace. 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 be returned to church shortly after the end of the service.

Thank you for joining us today.

Communion Service

Sunday 21st January 2018

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us
by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST BIBLE READING: Romans 6 v 15-23

page 943 of the pew Bibles
read by Anne Kavanagh

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Freedom and life are ours

Freedom and life are ours
for Christ has set us free!
never again submit to powers
that lead to slavery:
Christ is the Lord who takes
a man to be his own
and by his saving gospel makes
a slave into a son.

Called by the Lord to use
our freedom and be strong,
not letting liberty excuse
a life of blatant wrong:
freed from the law's stern hand
God's gift of grace to prove,
know that the law's entire demand
is gladly met by love.

Spirit of God, come, fill,
emancipate us all!
break our desire to sin, until
before his throne we fall:
glory and liberty
God for his sons decreed,
and if the Son shall make us free
we shall be free indeed!

Christopher Idle, © 1977, Jubilate Group

SECOND BIBLE READING: Romans 7 v 1-6, 8 v 1-2

page 943 and 944 of the pew Bibles
read by Margaret Sawyer

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 SERMON

preacher: Mark Wallace

HYMN: Rock of Ages, cleft for me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labour of my hands
can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress;
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on Thy judgement throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.

Augustus Montague Toplady

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Richard Lawn

These responses may be used during the prayers

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

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

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we gather at the Lord's table
we must recall the promises and warnings
given to us in the Scriptures.

Let us therefore examine ourselves
and repent of our sins.

Let us give thanks to God for his redemption
of the world through his Son Jesus Christ,
and as we remember Christ's death for us,
and receive this pledge of his love,
let us resolve to serve him
in holiness and righteousness
all the days of our life.

**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 COMFORTABLE WORDS

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and
only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full
acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save
sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anybody sins, we have an advocate with the
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; he is the
propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, 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.**

COMMUNION PRAYERS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we thank you that in your tender mercy
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

he made there a full atonement
for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself;
He instituted,
and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

In the same night that he was betrayed,
he 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.” Amen.**

The minister and the congregation receive communion.

*Authorized words of distribution are used
and the communicant replies*

Amen.

During the distribution, please join in with the singing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

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)

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.

Please be seated.

*Refreshments will be brought to you in the pews.
Do please stay for a while.*

DURING COMMUNION...

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us - and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace -
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you - eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love -
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you - drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace -
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond - and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven -
around the table of the King.

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Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving-kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten,
throughout Heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion,
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the flood-gates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and Heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

William Rees (1802-1883)

