

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 25th February

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

### Tuesday 27th February

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

### Wednesday 28th February

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

### Thursday 1st March

8:00pm NGM\* Community Group venue *tbc*

### Saturday 3rd March

10:00am ProcTrust Teaching Day in *Fordham*

### Sunday 4th March

9:45am Morning Service at *St Botolph's*  
11:00am Family Service at *St Peter'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)

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Churchwarden: **Wendy Whitfield** (790431)

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PCC Treasurer: **Richard Lawn** (540510)

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**Tonight's Cantus Firmus Service** will be at Castle Methodist Church, at 4:30pm. Please see the noticeboard for more information about this service and another event coming up in May.

**Our Lent Book for 2018 is "Spiritual Healthcheck"** and if you don't already have a copy, please take one today (yes, they are free!) - and then join us in setting aside a little time through Lent, as we read through these "16 steps to a thriving Christian life".

**A Training Day on "Teaching Proverbs"** is being run by the Proclamation Trust on Saturday (3rd Mar) in Fordham. Please book directly via the ProcTrust website, under Conferences.

**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.

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

**NGM\* Community Group.** The next meeting on Thursday 1st March will not be at Bryanstone Mews. Please ask Richard Lawn for details of venue.

**The loop system in church** is now working again. If you need any assistance, or if you experience any problems with volume levels, please let a member of the Welcome Team or a Churchwarden know as soon as possible.

**CYO Celebration - "Your Kingdom Come"**. You are invited to an event on Sunday 25th March, 6:30pm, at Kingsland Church (CO3 9DW). The church is having a growing impact on the lives of children, young people and staff in many of the schools of our area. Find out more as we reflect on Jesus' prayer, "Your Kingdom Come", for the world of education and beyond. With special guest Brian Heasley, International Prayer Director for 24-7 Prayer.

*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 for the All-Age Zone towards the end of the service.

**Thank you for joining us today.**

# Morning Service

**Sunday 25th February 2018**

*The Second Sunday of Lent*

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## **"CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS"**

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds:  
tell of love which knows no limits,  
grace which meets all human needs.

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

God has called you out of darkness  
into his most marvellous light;  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
that God's name is glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God's heart of love;  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know his welcome  
and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people he intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your master sends:  
royal priests, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service,  
sing his praise, his love declare!

*James Edward Seddon, © 1964, Mrs M Seddon*

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**BIBLE READING: Exodus 20 v 1-17**  
*page 61; read by Peter Sawyer*

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

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## **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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### **“O, TO SEE THE DAWN”**

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face  
bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
every bitter thought, every evil deed  
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*This, the power of the cross...*

Now, the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
‘Finished!’ the victory cry.

*This, the power of the cross...*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us!  
What a life, what a cost:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

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### **SPIRITUAL HEALTHCHECK**

3. Gratitude
  4. Excitement
  5. Commitment
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### **BIBLE READING: Exodus 33 v 18-19 and 34 v 5-7**

*page 74; read by Peter Wallace*

*At the end of the reading...*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **“YOU ARE THE KING OF GLORY”**

You are the King of Glory,  
you are the Prince of Peace,  
you are the Lord of heaven and earth,  
you’re the Son of righteousness.  
Angels bow down before you, worship and adore,  
for you have the words of eternal life,  
you are Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Hosanna to the King of Kings!  
Glory in the highest heaven,  
for Jesus the Messiah reigns. *[repeat]*

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### **THE SERMON**

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#### **THE APOSTLES’ 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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#### **THE PRAYERS**

\* **The Collect for the second Sunday of Lent**  
Almighty God, you show to those who are in error  
the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ’s religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable  
to the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

\* **The Intercessions**

*led by Peter Holden*

\* **The Lord's Prayer**

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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**"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)*

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**THE ALL-AGE ZONE**

**& THE NOTICES**

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**"JESUS SHALL REIGN"**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blessed.

*To our King be highest praise  
rising through eternal days:  
just and faithful - he shall reign, Jesus shall reign!*

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on His Name.

*To our King be highest praise...*

Let every creature rise and bring  
blessing and honour to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud "Amen"!

*To our King be highest praise...*

*[repeat chorus to finish]*

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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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