

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 4th March

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

Tuesday 6th March

7:45/8pm Life Explored at the *Vicarage*

Wednesday 7th March

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

Thursday 8th March

8:00pm NGM* Community Group at *4 Br. Mews*

Saturday 10th March

10:00am Essex & East London Partnership Synod
at *St Peter's, Harold Wood*
11:30am Renewal of Wedding Vows at *St Peter's*

Sunday 11th March

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11:00am Morning Service at *St Peter's*
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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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For more information about St Peter's,
please refer to www.stpeterscolchester.org
or www.twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ
or www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester

CHURCH NOTICES

"Make a Mother's Day" is next Sunday (11th March, on Mothering Sunday). Please take one of the leaflets today, and consider whether you might be able to give to support this initiative at the Gift Day next Sunday.

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".

The revised Electoral Roll will be published next Sunday, in advance of the Annual Church Meetings.

Nomination Forms for PCC are available on the tables at the back of church.

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

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.

Please note the new email address for the Vicar: towncentrevicar@gmail.com (the old email address which ended ...@btinternet.com will be checked occasionally, but was becoming too unreliable).

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 Aella Gage. 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.

Thank you for joining us today

Family Service

Sunday 4th March 2018

The Third Sunday of Lent

"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 COMMANDMENTS

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

"Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

"You shall not murder."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

"You shall not commit adultery."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

"You shall not steal."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

"You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's."

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

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.**

THE GUEST HOUSE PROJECT (part 1) "GIVING THANKS"

"FAITHFUL ONE"

Faithful one, so unchanging;
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace;
Lord of all I depend on you:
I call out to you, again and again;
I call out to you, again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble,
You lift me up when I fall down;
all through the storm, Your love is the anchor,
my hope is in You alone.

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THE GUEST HOUSE PROJECT (part 2) "REMEMBERING ALBERT"

"THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD"

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil;
and my cup, it overflows with joy -
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone...

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone...

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SPIRITUAL HEALTHCHECK

6. Godliness
7. Take your vitamins
8. Learning to pray

"SEEK YE FIRST"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia...

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened up to you;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia...

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BIBLE READING: Hebrews 3 v 7 - 4 v 11

page 1002-1003; read by Clare Reid

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE TALK

"I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY"

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

H. Bonar (1808-89)

THE PRAYERS

* The Intercessions

led by Lizzie Wallace

* 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.**

THE NOTICES

"O CHURCH, ARISE"

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day
every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,
give grace for every hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.

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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.**
