

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 25th March — Palm Sunday

9:45am Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)

11:00am Morning Service (*St Peter's*)

6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

### Tuesday 27th March

12 noon FFM\* Community Group (*Church Hall*)

### Wednesday 28th March

10:30am Midweek Communion Service (*St Peter's*)

### Thursday 29th March — Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Agape Meal & Communion (*St Botolph's*)

### Friday 30th March — Good Friday

10:30am Good Friday Service (*St Botolph's*)

11:45am Town Centre Walk of Witness (*meet: Essex St*)

2:00pm 'Songs of Calvary' Service (*St Peter's*)

### Sunday 1st April — Easter Day

7:00am Early Morning Communion (*Priory Ruins*)

9:45am Easter Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)

11:00am Family Communion Service (*St Peter's*)

6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*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)

PCC Secretary: *position currently vacant*

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

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Vicar's PA: **Bernice Watts** (572529)

For more information about St Peter's,  
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## CHURCH NOTICES

**Do pray for our Churchwardens** — Dan Watts and Wendy Whitfield — after their election at the Annual Meetings last Wednesday. You might also like to come and support them at the 'swearing-in' service with the Archdeacon of Colchester in Dedham on Wednesday 9th May.

**The draft Minutes of the Annual Church Meetings** are available at the back of church today, and include details of the new PCC and committees. Do please take a copy.

**Do join us here on Good Friday** at 2:00pm as we remember the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus through some of the 'songs of Calvary'.

**Next Sunday is Easter Day** and we will be celebrating together at our Family Service, with Communion, at 11:00am.

**From St Botolph's:** There is an open invitation to all our Holy Week and Easter services, but especially to:

- the **Maundy Thursday** Agape Meal and Communion, starting at 7:30pm, and to
- the Early Morning Easter Communion in the Priory Ruins at 7:00am on **Easter Day**.

**The FFM\* Community Group meets** this Tuesday (27th March), starting at 12 noon with a light lunch and finishing around 1.30pm.

**The NGM\* Community Group** will not be meeting over the Easter holiday. The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th April.

**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.

**The Civic Service for St George's Day** will be on Sunday 22nd April, at 11am, when we welcome the Mayor and the Civic Party for this annual service at St Peter's.

**The annual Church Society Conference** will be on Saturday 12th May, in north London. If you would like to know more, or would like a lift, please speak to Mark (572641).

*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.

**Thank you for joining us today.**

# Morning Service

Sunday 25th March 2018

*Palm Sunday*

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## "ALL GLORY, PRAISE AND HONOUR"

*All glory, praise and honour,  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the king of Israel,  
great David's greater Son;  
you ride in lowly triumph,  
the Lord's anointed one!  
*All glory, praise and honour...*

*[SPK leave for their group]*

The company of angels  
are praising you on high,  
and mortal men, and all things  
created, make reply:  
*All glory, praise and honour...*

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present.

*All glory, praise and honour...*

To you before your passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise:

*All glory, praise and honour...*

As you received their praises,  
accept the praise we bring,  
for you delight in goodness  
O good and gracious king!

*All glory, praise and honour...*

*J.M. Neale (1818-1866)*

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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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## BIBLE READING: John 12 v 12-19

*page 899; read by Anne Kavanagh*

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

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## “RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY”

Ride on, ride on in majesty  
as all the crowds ‘Hosanna!’ cry:  
through waving branches slowly ride,  
O Saviour, to be crucified.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
in lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, your triumph now begin  
with captured death, and conquered sin!

Ride on, ride on in majesty -  
the angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
the last and fiercest foe defy:  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
in lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, your power, and reign.

*H. Milman (1791-1868)*

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### **BIBLE READING: John 12 v 20-36**

*page 899; 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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## “NAME OF ALL MAJESTY”

Name of all majesty,  
fathomless mystery,  
King of the ages  
by angels adored;  
power and authority,  
splendour and dignity,  
bow to his mastery,  
Jesus is Lord!

Child of our destiny,  
God from eternity,  
love of the Father  
on sinners outpoured;  
see now what God has done  
sending his only Son,  
Christ the beloved One,  
Jesus is Lord!

Saviour of Calvary,  
costliest victory,  
darkness defeated  
and Eden restored;  
born as a man to die,  
nailed to a cross on high,  
cold in the grave to lie,  
Jesus is Lord!

Source of all sovereignty,  
light, immortality,  
life everlasting  
and heaven assured;  
so with the ransomed, we  
praise him eternally,  
Christ in his majesty,  
Jesus is Lord!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1984, Hope Publishing Company*

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## THE SERMON

*preacher: Rev Aella Gage*

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## 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.**

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## THE PRAYERS

\* **The Collect for Palm Sunday**  
Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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 Duncan Breckels*

\* **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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**"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)*

**"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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**THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES**

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