

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 22nd April — the 4th Sunday of Easter

9:45am Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)  
11:00am Civic Service for St George's Day (*St Peter's*)  
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

### Monday 23rd April

7:45pm Christianity Explored (*31 St Peter's Street*)

### Tuesday 24th April

12 noon Lunch & Discipleship Explored (*The Hall*)  
7:45pm Discipleship Explored (*The Vicarage*)

### Wednesday 25th April

10:30am Communion Service (*St Peter's*)  
3:00pm Vicar's Vestry Hour (*St Botolph's Vestry*)  
7:45pm Life Explored (*The Vicarage*)

### Thursday 26th April

7:45pm Leadership Explored (*The Vicarage*)

### Sunday 29th April — the 5th Sunday of Easter

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

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Churchwarden: **Wendy Whitfield** (790431)

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

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For more information about St Peter's,  
please refer to [www.stpeterscolchester.org](http://www.stpeterscolchester.org)  
or [www.twitter.com/StPeters\\_CO11DZ](https://www.twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ)  
or [www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester](https://www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester)

## CHURCH NOTICES

Our 'Exploring Together' groups begin this week and there are still a few spaces left on each of the evenings:

**Christianity Explored** on Monday evenings

**Life Explored** on Tuesday evenings

**Discipleship Explored** on Wednesday evenings

**Leadership Explored** on Thursday evenings

Please see the leaflets in church today for further information, and/or contact the Town Centre Vicar or the Town Centre Parish Office to book a place. All are welcome, even if you not a regular attender at St Peter's Church.

### The 'swearing-in' service for our Churchwardens

(Dan Watts & Wendy Whitfield) will be on Wednesday 9th May at 8:00pm, at Dedham Parish Church.

### The Holy Communion Service on Ascension Day

(Thursday 10th May) will be at St Botolph's Church, starting at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

### 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).

### The next Women's Breakfast

will be on Saturday 19th May (9:00-10:30am) in the Church Hall. For more information, please contact Lizzie Wallace on 07540 261948.

### The Pentecost Sunday Celebration

will be on Sunday 20th May, at 6:30pm, at Kingsland Church — with Graham Kendrick and Bishop Roger Morris. Further details from the Office; all are welcome.

### The London Men's Conference

this year (entitled: "Men who make a difference") is on Saturday 2nd June. For more information or to book your place, please see [www.christianconventions.org.uk/lmc](http://www.christianconventions.org.uk/lmc)

### The next 'full' meeting of the PCC

(the Parochial Church Council, as elected at last month's APCM) will be on Saturday 12th June.

### 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.

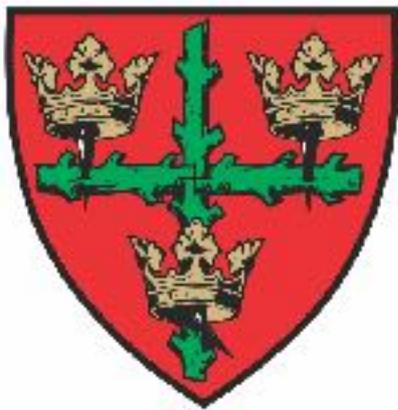
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## St Peter's Church

in the Colchester Town Centre Parish



# A Civic Service for St George's Day

attended in Civic State by

The Mayor of Colchester, Cllr Gerard Oxford  
and Councillors of the Borough of Colchester

and led by

Rt Rev Roger Morris (the Bishop of Colchester)  
Rev David Barrett CF (16 Air Assault Brigade)  
Rev Hannah Cooper (the Mayor's Chaplain)  
and Rev Mark Wallace (the Town Centre Vicar)

**Sunday 22nd April 2018**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**11:00am**

### Procession arrangements

Before the service begins, please remain seated as the Civic Party process into the church, and also as the Clergy process at the beginning of the service.

At the end of the service, please remain standing as the Clergy and Civic Party process to the West Door.

### Retiring Collection for the Mayor's Charities

The Vicar and Churchwardens of St Peter's are pleased to support the Mayor's chosen charities. During his year of office, the Mayor is fundraising for the following charities:

- Chavasse House Recovery Centre
- Colchester Guide Dogs
- Headway Essex
- St Helena Hospice
- Samaritans of Colchester and Tendring
- Injured Jockeys Fund

A retiring collection will be taken at the end of today's Civic Service in aid of the Mayor's charities. Alternatively, donations can be made by cheque — payable to: *Grassroots (Mayors Charity Fund)* — and delivered to: The Mayoral Office, The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, High Street, Colchester.

Further details can be found at:

[http://www.colchester.gov.uk/article/12792/  
The-Mayors-Charities-and-Events](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/article/12792/The-Mayors-Charities-and-Events)

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

*Rev Mark Wallace*

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### A COLLECT FOR ST GEORGE'S DAY

Almighty God,  
we have been taught by the legend of St George  
to fight against dragons and to rescue the helpless.  
Deliver us by the truth of the gospel  
from that great dragon  
    who leads the whole world astray;  
free us from our slavery to sin and death;  
and grant that your light may dawn again  
on this nation of England;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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### "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)*

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### PRAYERS OF APPROACH

*Rt Rev Roger Morris*

Praise the Lord, O my soul,  
**and forget not all his benefits.**

Let us praise and thank God  
for all the blessings he has given us.

For those who brought the Christian faith  
    to this land,  
and for our heritage of Christian faith  
throughout the centuries,  
**we thank you, O God.**

For the countless numbers in every age,  
who in their humble ways  
witnessed to your glory  
and contributed to the welfare of this country,  
**we thank you, O God.**

For good kings and queens,  
statesmen and councillors;  
for able leaders of this nation,  
both past and present,  
**we thank you, O God.**

For the armed forces  
and all who have died in the defence of this land  
and for the protection of their fellow citizens,  
**we thank you, O God.**

For this country's advocacy of freedom,  
tolerance, and just government,  
**we thank you, O God.**

O Lord, open our lips,  
**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord.  
**praise to his name.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and shall be for ever.  
Amen.**

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## REFLECTIONS ON ST GEORGE'S DAY

*Rev Hannah Cooper*

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### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 126

*read by Councillor Gerard Oxford  
(the Mayor of Colchester)*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
3 The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are glad.  
4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like streams in the Negev!  
5 Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!  
6 He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### "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.*

*[the children leave for their groups in the Hall]*

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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### THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 4 v 1-12

*read by Lieutenant Colonel Steve Caldwell RLC  
(Commander, Colchester Garrison)*

And as Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they enquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

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### “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.

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, © 2001, Thankyou Music*

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## THE PRAYERS

Rev David Barrett CF

### \* *The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### \* *The Prayers of Intercession*

#### \* *The Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

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#### “THINE BE THE GLORY!”

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory,  
thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory,  
thou o'er death has won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth;  
death has lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory...*

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is naught without thee:  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors,  
through thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory...*

*Edmond Budry (1854-1932)*

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## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
on her be pleased to pour,  
long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
and ever give us cause,  
to sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.

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## **THE BLESSING**

*Rt Rev Roger Morris*

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*Please remain standing  
as the procession leaves the church.*

*A retiring collection will be taken  
in aid of the Mayor's chosen charities.*

**All are invited to join the Mayor after the service  
for refreshments at the Town Hall.**

*For those who prefer to remain in church,  
refreshments will be served in the pews  
immediately after the service.*