

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 29th April - the fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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

no Joint Evening Service

Monday 30th April

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

Tuesday 1st May

no Life Explored tonight - continues 8th May

Wednesday 2nd May

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

3:00pm Vicar's Vestry Hour (*St Botolph's Vestry*)

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

Thursday 3rd May

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

Sunday 6th May - the sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

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

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For more information about St Peter's,
please refer to www.stpeterscolchester.org
or [www.twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ](https://twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ)
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CHURCH NOTICES

Our 'Exploring Together' groups began last week but it is still possible this week to join any of the following groups:

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 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.

There is no Evening Service tonight, due to other events at Castle Methodist Church this weekend. The Joint Evening Service will continue as normal on Sunday 6th May.

The Tuesday Community Group will meet next on the 8th and 22nd May, starting at 12 noon with a light lunch and continuing with Explored material.

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 Funeral of the late Ray Chandler will be on Tuesday 15th May, at 10:15am, at the Colchester Crematorium. All are welcome.

The 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 next 'full' meeting of the PCC (the Parochial Church Council, as elected at last month's APCM) will be on Saturday 12th June.

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 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 29th April 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"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 leave for their group]

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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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Exodus 20.1-17)

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.

"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.

"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.

"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.

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

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

"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."

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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.

FIRST BIBLE READING: Luke 19.1-10
page 878; read by Peter Wallace

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

“MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS”

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness
and clothed me in His light
and wrote His law of righteousness
with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fears to fly;
whose ev’ry promise is enough
for ev’ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth
is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow him.

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SECOND BIBLE READING: Ephesians 4.17-28
page 978; read by Sheila Lloyd

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

“PREPARE OUR HEARTS”

Prepare our hearts, O God,
help us to receive;
break the hard and stony ground,
help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us,
cause it to bear fruit;
open up our ears to hear,
lead us in Your truth.
*Show us Christ, show us Christ,
O God, reveal Your glory
through the preaching of Your Word,
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light
upon our darkened eyes:
guards us through temptations,
makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
freedom for the slave,
riches for the needy soul -
come speak to us today!
Show us Christ, show us Christ...

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THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

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, [* ie. 'universal' or 'whole']
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

“LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER”

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
through this world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
now and to eternity:
here possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, by your grace restore us -
all our weaknesses are plain;
you have lived on earth before us,
you have felt our grief and pain:
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
from the depths you rose again.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with holy peace;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cease:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

THE PRAYERS

* **The Collect**

* **The Intercessions**

led by Duncan Breckels

* **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

“BE THOU MY VISION”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joys to me, bright Heaven's Sun!
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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.**
