

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 13th May - the seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
9:45am Communion Service (St Botolph's)
11:00am Morning Service (St Peter's)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (Castle)

Monday 14th May

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
7:45pm Christianity Explored (31 St Peter's Street)

Tuesday 15th May

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
10:15am Funeral of Ray Chandler (the Crematorium)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
7:45pm Life Explored (the Vicarage)

Wednesday 16th May

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
10:30am Communion Service (in Church)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
7:45pm Discipleship Explored (the Vicarage)

Thursday 17th May

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
7:45pm Leadership Explored (the Vicarage)

Friday 18th May

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)

Saturday 19th May

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
9:00am Women's Breakfast (Church Hall)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)

Sunday 20th May - Day of Pentecost

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
9:45am Communion Service (St Botolph's)
11:00am Communion Service (St Peter's)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (in Church)
5:30pm Pastoral Team Meeting (in Church)
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (Castle)
6:30pm Pentecost Celebration (Kingsland Church)

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CHURCH NOTICES

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 Event will be this Saturday (19th May) from 9am till 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 Tuesday Community Group will meet next on the 22nd May, starting at 12 noon with a light lunch and continuing with Explored material.

ADVANCE NOTICE: a Church Prayer Breakfast is being planned for Saturday 2nd June (8-9:30am). Please reserve the date in your diary now...

The next 'full' meeting of the PCC (the Parochial Church Council, as elected at last month's APCM) will be on Saturday 9th 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 as soon as possible.

Friends of Fr Peter Walker and the family (formerly of St James the Great, East Hill) will be saddened to hear of Caroline's death on Tuesday.

We are delighted to hear that Rev Matt Simpkins, formally of St Peter's, has been appointed to be the next Priest-in-Charge of St Leonard's Church, Lexden. He will be licensed on Thursday 6th September.

The Archdeacon of Colchester, the Venerable Annette Cooper, has announced that she will be retiring in November 2018.

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 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.

Morning Service

Sunday 13th May 2018

The Sunday after Ascension Day

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER"

You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice:
let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
and your cry of love rings out
across the lands.*

[SPK leave for their group]

Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you stilled the sea;
yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free.

You're the Author of creation...

With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.

You're the Author of creation...

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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: Acts 1.1-11

page 909; read by Peter Sawyer

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

“THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED”

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor’s brow.

The highest place that heav’n affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of Kings and Lord of Lords
and heav’n’s eternal Light;

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the Cross with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heav’n.

They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

The Cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people’s hope, his people’s wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

SECOND BIBLE READING: Exodus 20.1-17

page 61; read by Wendy Whitfield

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“SPEAK, O LORD”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all Your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises;
and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ‘til your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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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.**

THE PRAYERS

*** The Collect (the Sunday after Ascension Day)**

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
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 Peter Holden

* **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.

"LORD OF THE CHURCH"

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim;
fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!
So lead us on, till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant one new song shall sing
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

"'TIS FINISHED! THE MESSIAH DIES"

'Tis finished! The Messiah dies,
cut off for sins, but not His own:
accomplished is the sacrifice,
the great redeeming work is done.
Yes, finished! all the debt is paid;
justice divine is satisfied;
the grand and full atonement made;
God for a guilty world has died.

The temple curtain is torn down,
the living way to Heaven is seen;
through Christ the middle wall has gone,
and all who will may enter in.
The ancient shadows are fulfilled;
the scripture prophecies prove true,
the sinless Lamb of God is killed,
the promised covenant made new!

The reign of sin and death is done,
and all may live from sin set free;
Satan and his pretended throne
are swallowed up in victory.
Saved from the curse of God I am,
my Saviour hangs upon a tree!
See there the meek and silent Lamb;
his final breath he breathes for me.

In Christ accepted and brought near
and clothed in righteousness divine,
I see the path to life made clear;
and all your merits, Lord, are mine.
Death, hell, and sin are now subdued;
all grace is now to sinners given;
and so I plead the atoning blood
and claim the title deeds of heaven.

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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.
