

DIARY DETAILS

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)

Monday 21st May

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

Tuesday 22nd May

- 12 noon Tuesday Community Group (The Hall)
7:45pm Life Explored (The Vicarage)

Wednesday 23rd May

- 10:30am Midweek Communion Service (St Peter's)
7:45pm Discipleship Explored (The Vicarage)

Thursday 24th May

- 7:45pm Leadership Explored (The Vicarage)

Sunday 27th May — Trinity Sunday

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

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CHURCH NOTICES

Children and SPK. If you have younger children with you today, then please feel free to bring them to SPK (St Peter's Kids, for all those up to and including Year 6) in the Church Hall during the first hymn. If it's your first visit, we will ask you to complete a short Registration Form, but you are then welcome to leave your children in their groups and return to join us in the service. The children will be returned to church shortly after the end of the service.

The Pentecost Sunday Celebration will be this evening, at 6:30pm, at Kingsland Church — with Graham Kendrick and Bishop Roger Morris. All are welcome.

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

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.

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 our Associate Minister, 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.

If you have younger children with you today, then please see the notice in the 'Church Notices' section in the inside back cover.

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.

Communion Service

Sunday 20th May 2018

The Day of Pentecost

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"GLORY BE TO GOD"

Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great I AM, the Three-in-One:
glory, glory, glory, glory,
while eternal ages run!

[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]

Glory be to him who loved us
washed us from each guilty stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign:
glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the Lamb who once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the church's King,
glory to the King of nations,
heaven and earth, your praises bring:
glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the King of glory bring!

'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings:
glory, glory, glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings!

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST BIBLE READING: Acts 1.1-11

page 909; read by James Wallace

At the end of the reading...
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"YOU ARE THE KING OF GLORY"

You are the King of Glory,
you are the Prince of Peace,
you are the Lord of heaven and earth,
you're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before you,
worship and adore, for
you have the words of eternal life,
you are Jesus Christ the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of Kings!
Glory in the highest heaven,
for Jesus the Messiah reigns.

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SECOND BIBLE READING: Acts 2.1-13

page 909-910; read by Anne Kavanagh

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

THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Mark Wallace

"O BREATH OF LIFE"

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive your Church with life and pow'r;
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your Church in ev'ry part!

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then, in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore - for this we plead.

Revive us, Lord; is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting -
equip thy Church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Richard Lawn

These responses may be used during the prayers
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

"HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE"

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch His treasure;
how great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart:
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we gather at the Lord's table
we must recall the promises and warnings
given to us in the Scriptures.

Let us therefore examine ourselves
and repent of our sins.
Let us give thanks to God for his redemption
of the world through his Son Jesus Christ,

and as we remember Christ's death for us,
and receive this pledge of his love,
let us resolve to serve him
in holiness and righteousness
all the days of our life.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and
only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full
acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save
sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anybody sins, we have an advocate with the
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; he is the
propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as
to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYERS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we thank you that in your tender mercy
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
he made there a full atonement
for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself;
He instituted,
and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

In the same night that he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

**"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."**

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,

**"Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me." Amen.**

*When ushered, please come forwards to receive the
bread and wine (or for a prayer of blessing, if preferred).*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.**

THE NOTICES

“FACING A TASK UNFINISHED”

Facing a task unfinished
that drives us to our knees;
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease;
we, who rejoice to know Thee,
renew before Thy throne
the solemn pledge we owe Thee
to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied Thee
defy Thee still today,
with none to heed their crying,
for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying
and pass into the night.

*We go to all the world,
with kingdom hope unfurled;
no other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ the Lord.*

We bear the torch that flaming
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours,
fired by the same ambition
to Thee we yield our powers

We go to all the world...

O Father, who sustained them,
O Spirit, who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them,
to toil with zeal untired:
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
to labour for Thy sake.

We go to all the world... (repeat to finish)

THE CONCLUSION

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Please be seated.

*Refreshments will be brought to you in the pews.
Do please stay for a while*

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Come down, O Love divine,

seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O Let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let thou charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humble part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*'Discendi, amor santo' by Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)
trans. Richard F. Littledale, (1833-1890) alt.*

There is a Redeemer,

Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit,
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father...

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever,
in that Holy Place.

Thank you, O my Father...

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