

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 10th June

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

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

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

Monday 11th June

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

Tuesday 12th June

12 noon Tuesday Community Group (*The Hall*)

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

Wednesday 13th June

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

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

Thursday 14th June

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

Sunday 17th June

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

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

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



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CHURCH NOTICES

The Prayer Card for June is now available. Please take a copy home with you, and use it to pray for the life of the church over the coming weeks.

Afternoon Tea on Sunday 17th June... Stephen & Sheila Lloyd are kindly inviting everyone at St Peter's to their home (26 Endsleigh Court, Colchester CO3 3QN) for afternoon tea in two weeks' time, between 3pm and 6pm on Sunday 17th.

Volunteers wanted for a Working Party in the Churchyard on Saturday 23rd June (10am to 1pm approx). No particular skills necessary, but people able/willing to bring 'white' garden bags to take to the recycling centre would be particularly appreciated!

A Flower Festival is being arranged as part of our Patronal Festival celebrations (29th June to 1st July). Anyone and everyone is welcome to take part — if you would like to be involved in making a flower arrangement for the Flower Festival, then please talk with either Geraldine Joslin (795768) or Heather Loyd (330574).

The Tuesday Community Group will meet on 12th and 26th June, starting at 12 noon with a light lunch and continuing with the *Life Explored* material.

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 vicar, Revd 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 10th June 2018

The Second Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING"

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today,
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

[SPK leave for their group]

The flower of earthly splendour
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender
to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature
th'eternal seed is sown -
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the man from heaven
from death has set us free,
and we through him are given
the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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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: Ecclesiastes 2.1-11

page 553; read by Lenny Lewis

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE”

There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace —
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,
their thunderous anthem rings,
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks, and honour are
to God our King, who reigns on high,
for evermore.*

And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honour Him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
we'll reign with Him.

Hear heaven's voices sing...

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SECOND BIBLE READING: Luke 12.13-21

page 871; read by Anne Kavanagh

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“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.*

*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 SERMON

preacher: Revd Aella Gage

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 for the Second Sunday after Trinity**
Lord, you have taught us that all our doings
without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives
is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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 Matt Cox

* **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.

"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS JUSTICE AND JOY"

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

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"JESUS IS LORD - THE CRY THAT ECHOES"

"Jesus is Lord" –

the cry that echoes through creation:
resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock,
the Son of God,

the King whose glory fills the heavens,
yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

"Jesus is Lord" –

whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown,
Jesus the Man,

who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

"Jesus is Lord" –

the tomb is gloriously empty,
not even death could crush this King of love.
The price is paid,

the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
and we can run into the arms of God.

"Jesus is Lord" –

a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
as He returns, and every knee bows low.
Then every eye

and every heart will see His glory,
the Judge of all will take His children home.

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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.

THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES
