

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 17th June

9:45am Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)  
11:00am Communion Service (*St Peter's*)  
3:00pm Afternoon Tea (*26 Endsleigh Court*)  
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

### Monday 18th June

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

### Tuesday 19th June

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

### Wednesday 20th June

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

### Thursday 21st June

7:45pm Deanery Synod (*St Leonard's, Lexden*)  
*no Leadership Explored this week*

### Saturday 23rd June

10:00am Churchyard Working Party (*churchyard*)

### Sunday 24th June

9:45am Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)  
11:00am Morning Service (*St Peter's*)  
5:00pm Pastoral Team Meeting (*in church*)  
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)



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## CHURCH NOTICES

**Afternoon Tea today...** Stephen & Sheila Lloyd are kindly inviting everyone at St Peter's for afternoon tea today at their home (26 Endsleigh Court, Colchester CO3 3QN), between 3pm and 6pm.

**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 26th June, starting at 12 noon with a light lunch and continuing with the *Life Explored* material.

**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.

**Car parking — free and nearby** — is now available to any at St Peter's who would find it helpful on a Sunday morning. If you are interested, please speak to Mark (572641) or Bernice (572529).

**Volunteers wanted** for cake donation, preparing tea & coffee and stewarding for our Patronal & Flower Festival (29th June to 1st July). If you would like to help with any of these, there are some volunteer forms on the table along the central aisle.

*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 today 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 this morning.**

# **Communion Service**

**Sunday 17th June 2018**

*The Third Sunday after Trinity*

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

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### **"FREEDOM AND LIFE ARE OURS"**

Freedom and life are ours  
for Christ has set us free!  
never again submit to powers  
that lead to slavery:  
Christ is the Lord who takes  
a man to be his own  
and by his saving gospel makes  
a slave into a son.

*[SPK & Creche leave for their groups]*

Called by the Lord to use  
our freedom and be strong,  
not letting liberty excuse  
a life of blatant wrong:  
freed from the law's stern hand  
God's gift of grace to prove,  
know that the law's entire demand  
is gladly met by love.

Spirit of God, come, fill,  
emancipate us all!  
break our desire to sin, until  
before his throne we fall:  
glory and liberty  
God for his sons decreed,  
and if the Son shall make us free  
we shall be free indeed!

*Christopher Idle, © 1977, Jubilate Group*

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## **PRAYERS OF PREPARATION & PENITENCE**

**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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength."  
The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself"  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

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## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom  
to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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## BIBLE READING: Romans 8.16-27

*page 944; read by Margaret Sawyer*

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

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## "THERE IS A REDEEMER"

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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## THE SERMON

*preacher: Revd Aella Gage*

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## THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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## 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.**

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## THE NOTICES

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## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

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### “FROM THE SQUALOR OF A BORROWED STABLE”

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
by the spirit and a virgin's faith;  
to the anguish and the shame of scandal  
came the Saviour of the human race.  
But the skies were filled, with the praise of heav'n,  
shepherds listen as the angels tell  
of the Gift of God, come down to man —  
at the dawning of Immanuel

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,  
humble servant in the Father's hands,  
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, he walked my road, and He felt my pain,  
joys and sorrows that I know so well;  
yet His righteous steps, give me hope again —  
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
He was lifted on a cruel cross;  
He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
He was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, He fights for me,  
loosing sinners from the claims of hell;  
and with a shout, our souls are free —  
Death defeated by Immanuel!

Now He's standing in the place of honour,  
crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
interceding for His own beloved  
till His Father calls us to bring them home!  
Then the skies will part, as the trumpet sounds:  
hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
but the Bride will run, to her Lover's arms —  
Giving glory to Immanuel!

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise, holy Father,  
heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For he is our great high priest,  
who has loosed us from our sins  
and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you,  
our God and Father.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself  
once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation  
and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted,  
and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death  
until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's  
holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body  
and blood;

who, on the same night that he was betrayed,  
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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of  
our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy,  
through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this the duty  
and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume to come to this your table,  
O 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.**

*Please come forwards when ushered,  
returning to your pew via the side aisles.*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

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#### **"BY FAITH WE SEE THE HAND OF GOD"**

By faith we see the hand of God,  
in the light of creation's grand design;  
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
who walk by faith and not by sight.  
By faith our fathers roamed the earth,  
with the power of His promise in their hearts;  
of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,  
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward,  
till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
when the longed-for Messiah would appear;  
with the power to break the chains of sin and death,  
and rise triumphant from the grave.  
By faith the church was called to go  
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;  
to deliver captives and to preach good news  
in every corner of the earth

*We will stand as children of the promise...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved,  
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;  
for we know in Christ all things are possible  
for all who call upon His name.

*We will stand as children of the promise...*

## 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.**

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*Please be seated.*

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

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

**There is a green hill far away**  
outside a city wall,  
where our dear Lord was crucified,  
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell  
what pains he had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good;  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
he, only, could unlock the gate  
of heaven - and let us in.

Lord Jesus, dearly you have loved;  
and we must love you too,  
and trust in your redeeming blood  
and learn to follow you.

*Cecil F. Alexander (1818-1895)*

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**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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