

DIARY DETAILS

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*)

Monday 25th June

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

Tuesday 26th June

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

Wednesday 27th June

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

Thursday 28th June

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

Friday 29th June

1:00pm Flower Festival (*in church, till 4:30pm*)

Saturday 30th June

10:00am Flower Festival (*in church, till 4:30pm*)

Sunday 1st July

9:45am Morning Service (*St Botolph's*)
10:00am Confirmation meeting (*St Peter's*)
11:00am Family Communion Service (*St Peter's*)
1:00pm Flower Festival (*in church, till 4:30pm*)
4:00pm Strawberry Tea (*the Vicarage*)
6:30pm Songs of Praise (*St Peter's*)



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or [www.twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ](https://twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ)
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CHURCH NOTICES

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).

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

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).

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.

St Peter's Gift Day. As part of our Patronal Festival weekend, our annual Gift Day will be on Sunday 1st July — an opportunity for everyone who considers themselves a member of St Peter's to prayerfully reconsider their giving to support the church's work. If you have not received a Gift Day letter in the post, there are spare copies in church this morning.

Afternoon Strawberry Tea. Mark & Lizzie would like to invite everyone at St Peter's to Tea at the Vicarage on Sunday 1st July, from 4pm.

Songs of Praise. At 6:30pm on Sunday 1st July, we are holding a *Songs of Praise Service* to conclude our Patronal Festival. We will be singing some favourite hymns together. Do join us!

Peter Holden is 'retiring' as a Lay Reader next month, after many years of faithful ministry in churches across the area. He will be preaching at our 11:00am service on Sunday 15th July, which will be his final Sunday before 'retirement'. After the service there will be a "Bring & Share" picnic lunch at the Vicarage. All are welcome.

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 the Revd Mark Wallace, our Vicar. 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.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte, Praise Trust

Morning Service

Sunday 24th June 2018

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN"

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

[SPK leave for their group]

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: Romans 8.18-30

page 944; read by Anne Kavanagh

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"CREATOR GOD"

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,
your glory shines in all that you have made;
you spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness —
all earth replies: "majestic is your name!"

And who am I, though made below the angels,
that you, my King, are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus,
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
as on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark.
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered,
the one who spoke out stars now breathes his last.

And who am I, the lowliest of sinners
that you would pay the price my sin deserves?
My Maker scarred
for those who marred his likeness,
and from his wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory,
death could not hold the one who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness
and in our hearts, his risen life now shines.

And who are we, that you would call us children
and raise us up from death to life with you,
where we will sing the New Creation anthem:
"O praise the one who's making all things new!"
[repeat]

And so we wait in eager expectation,
and join the song as all creation groans:
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
the Day you call your sons and daughters home."

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SECOND BIBLE READING: Romans 8.28-39

page 944-945; read by Sheila Lloyd

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"NOW IN REVERENCE AND AWE"

Now, in reverence and awe,
we gather round your word;
in wonder, we draw near
to mysteries that angels strain to hear,
that prophets dimly saw.
So let your Spirit shine upon the page and
*teach me, open up my eyes
with truth to free me;
light to chase the lies.*
Lord Jesus, let me meet you in your Word
Lord Jesus, let me meet you in your Word.

Lord, your truth cannot be chained,
it searches everything -
my secrets, my desires.
Your word is like a hammer and a fire:
it breaks, it purifies.
So let your Spirit shine into my heart and
teach me, open up my eyes...

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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,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

[ie. 'universal' or 'whole']*

THE PRAYERS

* **The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord 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 Sheila Lloyd

* **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.

"O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

He speaks: and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

"BEHOLD OUR GOD"

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on His throne;
come, let us adore Him!*

*Behold our King! Nothing can compare;
come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God...

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign!

Behold our God...

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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.
