

## DIARY DETAILS

### 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*)

### Monday 2nd July

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

### Tuesday 3rd July

7:30pm PCC Meeting (*in church*)

### Wednesday 4th July

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

### Thursday 5th July

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

### Saturday 7th July

8:00am Church Prayer Meeting (*in church*)

### Sunday 8th July

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



For more information about St Peter's,  
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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).

**St Peter's Gift Day.** Today is our annual Gift Day, an opportunity for everyone who considers themselves a member of St Peter's to prayerfully reconsider their giving to support the church's work. For those who have prepared their Pledge Forms, please have your envelopes ready for the presentation of pledges towards the end of the service. [If you've forgotten yours today, don't worry - please hand it to Mark or Richard as soon as you are able]. Thank you.

**Afternoon Strawberry Tea.** Mark & Lizzie would like to invite everyone at St Peter's to an Afternoon Strawberry Tea at the Vicarage this afternoon from 4pm. Everyone is welcome!

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

**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.

**Peter Holden is 'retiring'** as a Lay Reader this 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.

**The next PCC meeting** will be on Tuesday 3rd July, at 7:15 for a 7:30 start, meeting in the church.

*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 Family 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 today.**

# Family Communion Service

**Sunday 1st July 2018**

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

To God be the glory! great things he has done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!*

*let the earth hear His voice;*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!*

*let the people rejoice;*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*

*and give him the glory; great things he has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God:  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...*

Great things he has taught us,  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...*

*Fanny J Crosby (1820-1915)*

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### **BIBLE READING: Romans 8.31-39**

*page 944-945; read by Isabel Watts*

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **"IF GOD IS FOR US..."**

**part 1 — THE CROSS**

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### **"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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## "IF GOD IS FOR US..."

### part 2 — THE COURTROOM

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#### "BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see Him there  
who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the just is satisfied  
to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb;  
my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I am,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by His blood,  
my life is hid with Christ on high;  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

*Vikki Cook (adapted from C.L. Bancroft), © 1997, Sovereign Grace Worship*

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## "IF GOD IS FOR US..."

### part 3 — THE CONQUEROR

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#### "IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh,  
fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied -  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then, bursting forth in glorious Day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And, as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns, or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## THE NOTICES

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## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*led by Lizzie Wallace*

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#### "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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## 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.**

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## 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*

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## 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.**

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## 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).*

*While you are waiting, and once you have returned to  
your pew, please either join in with the singing (the  
words are found towards the back of this service-sheet)  
or spend the time in prayer.*

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## 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.**

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## “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 from: “And who are we, that...”]*

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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## 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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. 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

**Here is love, vast as the ocean,**  
loving-kindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
throughout Heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion,  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the flood-gates of God's mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
poured incessant from above,  
and Heaven's peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.

*William Rees (1802-1883)*

### **O, to see the dawn of the darkest day:**

Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face  
bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
every bitter thought, every evil deed  
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*This, the power of the cross...*

Now, the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

*This, the power of the cross...*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us!  
What a life, what a cost:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

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