

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 8th July

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

### Monday 9th July

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

### Wednesday 11th July

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

### Saturday 10th July

9:45am EELP Synod (*Fordham*)

### Sunday 15th July

9:45am Morning Service (*St Botolph's*)  
11:00am Communion Service (*St Peter's*)  
*followed by 'Bring Your Own Picnic' Lunch*  
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**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 Your Own Picnic" lunch at the Vicarage. All are welcome.

**The Tuesday Community Group.** During July, this group will meet on 17th at 12noon, starting with a light lunch. We will also meet on 31st at 12noon when tea, coffee and nibbles will be provided. The group will not meet during August, but meetings will resume in September.

**We will be saying "farewell" to the Cox family** on Sunday 26th August, with a lunch after the Morning Service. Do please put the date in your diary now!

**Do pray for Matt and Sian Simpkins,** as Matt prepares to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge at St Leonard's, Lexden on Thursday 5th September.

**On Sunday 16th September** our main Church Service will be at 3:00pm, as we welcome Bishop Roger to lead a Confirmation Service. Please pray for those in our church family considering confirmation at this time.

**We need two volunteers to wind our Church clock** on a weekly basis (NB you need to be over 18 and happy to climb a ladder!). If you think you can help with this or have any questions, please contact Bernice in the Parish Office (572529).

**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).

*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.**

# Morning Service

**Sunday 8th July 2018**

*The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

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### **"SING TO GOD NEW SONGS OF WORSHIP"**

Sing to God new songs of worship -  
all his deeds are marvellous;  
he has brought salvation to us  
with his hand and holy arm:  
he has shown to all the nations  
righteousness and saving power;  
he recalled his truth and mercy  
to his people Israel.

*[SPK leave for their group]*

Sing to God new songs of worship -  
earth has seen his victory;  
let the lands of earth be joyful  
praising him with thankfulness:  
sound upon the harp his praises,  
play to him with melody;  
let the trumpets sound his triumph,  
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship -  
let the sea now make a noise;  
all on earth and in the waters  
sound your praises to the Lord  
let the hills be joyful together,  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
for with righteousness and justice  
he will come to judge the earth.

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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.**

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### **"AS THE DEER PANTS FOR WATER"**

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.  
*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye.  
*You alone are...*

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.  
*You alone are...*

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#### **BIBLE READING: Luke 15.11-32**

*page 874-875; read by Peter Sawyer*

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

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#### **"COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING"**

Come, people of the risen king,  
who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to Him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
and those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
and His mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

Come, young and old from every land,  
men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands,  
find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing,  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the Truth that cries through every age;  
'Our God is all in all!'

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

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## **THE SERMON**

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### **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.****

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### **THE PRAYERS**

**\* The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you that we,  
loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.**

**\* The Intercessions**  
*led by Duncan Breckels*

**\* 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.**

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**“GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, their pillar leading,  
light by night, and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,  
makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raises  
over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises  
each for a thank-offering brings.

Saviour, if of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy Name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

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**THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES**

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**“TELL ALL THE WORLD OF JESUS”**

Tell all the world of Jesus,  
our Saviour, Lord and King;  
and let the whole creation  
of his salvation sing:  
proclaim his glorious greatness  
in nature and in grace;  
Creator and Redeemer,  
the Lord of time and space.

Tell all the world of Jesus,  
that every one may find  
the joy of his forgiveness -  
true peace of heart and mind:  
proclaim his perfect goodness,  
his deep, unfailing care;  
his love so rich in mercy  
a love beyond compare.

Tell all the world of Jesus,  
that every one may know  
of his almighty triumph  
defeating every foe:  
proclaim his coming glory,  
when sin is overthrown,  
and he shall reign in splendour -  
the King upon his throne!

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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.**

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