

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 2nd September

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

Tuesday 4th September

7:30pm 'Sunday Team' Meeting (*in church*)

Wednesday 5th September

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

Thursday 6th September

7:30pm Licensing of Revd Matt Simpkins (*Lexden*)

Friday 7th September

10am-3pm Heritage Open Day (*in church*)

Saturday 8th September

10:00am Churchyard Working Party (*St Peter's*)
9am-6pm Heritage Open Day (*in church*)

Sunday 9th September

9:45am Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)
11:00am Morning Service with Baptisms (*St Peter's*)
1-4pm Heritage Open Day (*in church*)
5:00pm Pastoral Team Meeting (*in church*)
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

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CHURCH NOTICES

Our new Parish Safeguarding Representative is now Mrs Anne Kavanagh, who should be the first point of contact for any safeguarding issues or concerns in the church, the parish, or the diocese.

Do pray for Matt and Sian Simpkins, as Matt prepares to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge at St Leonard's, Lexden on Thursday 6th September.

The Heritage Open Days are taking place over two weekends this September. Might you be willing to help as a steward to keep the church open? If so, there is a rota here in church, or contact Bernice (572529). Thank you.

Volunteers wanted for a Churchyard Working Party on Saturday 8th September (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!

Next Sunday we look forward to the baptisms of James Coe and Sandra Gelding at the 11am service.

Friends of Dawn Beecroft will be sorry to hear of her death on 23rd August, aged 93. The funeral will be at the Colchester Crematorium on Wednesday 12th September, at 2:45pm.

On Sunday 16th September...

- the 11am service will be a military service for Battle of Britain Sunday, with the ATC, the RAFA and the Royal British Legion in attendance;
- the Big Lunch (for everyone!) will be in the churchyard from 12:30pm to 2:30pm;
- the Confirmation Service will be at 3:00pm, as we welcome Bishop Roger and the families and friends of the ten candidates.

The next PCC meeting will be on Saturday 22nd September, 9:15 for a 9:30 start, meeting in church.

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.

For more information about St Peter's, please refer to **www.stpeterscolchester.org** or **[www.twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ](https://twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ)** or **www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester**

A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

Our Family Service today is led by Revd Aella Gage (our Associate Minister) and by 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.

Family Communion Service

Sunday 2nd September 2018

WELCOME

"JESUS IS LORD"

Jesus is Lord! creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower
was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! the universe declares it -
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with 'Hallelujahs'; for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! from him all life proceeding -
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with 'Hallelujahs'; for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! o'er sin the mighty conqueror;
from death he rose and all his foes
shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with 'Hallelujahs'; for Jesus is Lord!

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"WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND" BUT IS THERE EVER REAL JUSTICE?

FIRST BIBLE READING: Luke 13.1-5
page 872; read by Lenny Lewis

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

TALK — part 1

SECOND BIBLE READING: Luke 23.39-43
page 884; read by Peter Wallace

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

TALK — part 2

"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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THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Peter Holden

“THERE IS A GREEN HILL”

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)

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.

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*

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.**

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 (prayer pointers for this month are included in the service-sheet).

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.**

THE NOTICES

“TELL OUT, MY SOUL”

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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.

Please be seated.

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

SEPTEMBER PRAYER POINTERS

1. **Prayerfulness.** Pray for our church to be more and more prayerful, especially with the Prayer Meeting this morning.
2. **Service today.** Pray for this morning's Family Communion Service, with Aella Gage speaking; pray that we might be welcoming to all who come.
3. **"Life to the Full".** Pray for all the planning and practical preparation for this weekend of mission at the end of the month.
4. **Children and young people.** As term starts this week, pray for all those beginning a new school or new year, especially for those in our congregation.
5. **Churchwardens.** Pray for Dan and Wendy with their responsibilities in our church; for wisdom, graciousness, energy.
6. **Revd Matt Simpkins.** Pray for Matt (who used to belong to St Peter's) as he is licensed as the new Priest-in-Charge in Lexden tonight.
7. **Heritage Open Days.** Pray for all who will come through the church doors this weekend, and next weekend; that they may be welcome, and see something of what goes on in the church today.
8. **Baptisms tomorrow.** Pray for James Coe and for Sandra Gedling (and their respective families) as they are baptised tomorrow morning.
9. **Service today.** Pray for today's Morning Service, with Mark Wallace speaking (the first in the series on the Lord's Prayer).
10. **"Life to the Full".** Pray that this weekend of mission might bear much spiritual fruit, for all eternity, as people hear about Jesus at the different events.
11. **The Tuesday Lunchtime Community Group.** Pray for those attending this group, that it would be a helpful time, serving one another and serving others.
12. **Richard Oliveira and Mary Crist Bilardo.** Pray for Mary and her family in the Philippines, and Richard and his father in Brazil, part of our sponsorship link through Compassion UK.
13. **SPK and Creche.** Pray for the younger children who join us on Sunday mornings. Pray for wisdom and patience for their parents and energy and faithfulness for the leaders of SPK. Pray for more leaders.
14. **The bereaved.** Pray for all who have lost loved ones in recent weeks, months or years: pray for comfort and peace.
15. **Confirmations tomorrow.** Pray for those getting confirmed tomorrow, that the Lord will finish the good work he has started in each one of their lives.

16. **Services today.** Pray for both the Battle of Britain Service (at 11am) and the Confirmation Service (at 3pm), for the word to be faithfully proclaimed and for those hearing the word to be doers and not just hearers of the word.
17. **"Life to the Full".** Pray that their might be many non-Christian people present at each of the different events, to hear the good news proclaimed.
18. **Staff Team.** Pray for Mark (Vicar), Aella (Associate Vicar), and Bernice (in the office). Pray for encouragement and good health and that they may rejoice daily in the gospel. Pray too for energy and times of rest as they serve day by day.
19. **Crosslands.** Pray for the training courses starting tonight, that they might be helpful for those involved, and enable people to be better equipped to serve and to minister to others.
20. **Finance.** Pray for God to continue to graciously provide all that we need financially. Pray for Richard Lawn, the PCC Treasurer, and for wise stewardship in all things.
21. **The elderly.** Pray for those in our congregation who have walked with the Lord for many years, that they will continue to walk the path God has for them, whatever may lie in store.
22. **The Parochial Church Council.** Pray for the PCC meeting this morning, for wisdom and discernment as they discuss and decide.
23. **Service today.** Pray for today's Morning Service, with Mark Wallace speaking (the second in the series on the Lord's Prayer); pray for the coffee time after the service: for fellowship and encouragement, and that we may be sensitive to one another's needs as we speak together.
24. **"Life to the Full".** Pray for all the final preparations and the last-minute invitations, that this weekend of mission might bear much spiritual fruit.
25. **Deanery & Diocese.** Pray for our Bishops, Archdeacon and Area Dean, for wisdom in leadership and godliness in service.
26. **Balkerne Gardens.** Pray for all the residents and staff; pray for all those from BG who come to our Wednesday Communion today at 10:30am.
27. **Young people.** Pray for the students and young people attending our church to commit to building one another up and to the life of the church.
28. **"Life to the Full".** Pray for God's blessing on all that happens this evening.
29. **"Life to the Full".** Pray for God's blessing on all that happens at the morning and evening events.
30. **"Life to the Full".** Pray for God's blessing on all who come to this morning's service.

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)

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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