

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 9th September

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

Tuesday 11th September

12 noon Tuesday Community Group (*The Hall*)
7:30pm 'Next Generation Team' Meeting (*Vicarage*)

Wednesday 12th September

10:30am Midweek Communion Service (*St Peter's*)
2:45pm Funeral: Dawn Beecroft (*Crematorium*)

Friday 14th September

10-4pm Heritage Open Day (*in church*)

Saturday 15th September

10-4pm Heritage Open Day (*in church*)

Sunday 16th September

9:45am Morning Service (*St Botolph's*)
11:00am Battle of Britain Service (*St Peter's*)
12:30pm The Big Lunch (*churtyard, Hall if wet*)
1-3pm Heritage Open Day (*in church*)
3:00pm Deanery Confirmation Service (*St Peter's*)
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.

Next Sunday (16th September)...

- the 11am service will be a military service for the **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 (in the Hall if wet);
- the **Confirmation Service** will be at 3:00pm, as we welcome Bishop Roger and the families and friends of the ten candidates.

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 again on the 11th and 25th September at 12noon, starting with a light lunch.

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

Cantus Firmus Colchester Choir is leading a service featuring Taizé music at Plume Avenue Church on Sunday 30th September. All are welcome – for refreshments from 5.30pm with the service beginning at 6.30pm. For more information, please see the noticeboard.

St Leonards Church, Lexden, are holding a Flower Festival over the weekend of the 6th October. Everyone is very welcome at any of the events planned. For more information, please see the noticeboard.

On Sunday 14th October there will be an evening of poetry and music at Colchester Art's Centre with the launching of Alice Goss' history/poetry book. All the proceeds will be donated to St. Peter's Guest House Project, Emmaus, The Night Shelter, CRSG (bus conversion project) and the Food Bank. More details can be found on www.facebook.com/ColchesterPoetryProject/

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 service today is led 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.

Praise to the Lord,
above all things so mightily reigning:
keeping us safe at his side,
and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord -
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen!"
sound from his people again -
gladly with praise we adore him!

Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and others

Morning Service

to include the Baptisms of Sandra Gedling & James Coe

Sunday 9th September 2018

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
Come all who hear:
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise him in glad adoration!

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Do you wish to be baptised?
I do.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

“MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS”

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness
and clothed me in His light
and wrote His law of righteousness
with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fears to fly;
whose ev’ry promise is enough
for ev’ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth
is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow him.

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BIBLE READING: Matthew 6.5-15

page 811; read by Anne Kavanagh

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

“LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER”

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
through this world’s tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
now and to eternity:
here possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, by your grace restore us -
all our weaknesses are plain;
you have lived on earth before us,
you have felt our grief and pain:
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
from the depths you rose again.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with holy peace;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cease:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

THE SERMON

“BE THOU MY VISION”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven’s joys to me, bright Heaven’s Sun!
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish 8th Century

THE NOTICES

THE PRAYERS

* **The Collect for the 15th Sunday after Trinity**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Richard Lawn

* **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.

THE DECISION & SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed

to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ
to the end of your life.**

May almighty God

deliver you from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

Amen.

BAPTISM

N, is this your faith?

This is my faith.

N, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE COMMISSION & WELCOME

Those who are baptized are called
to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority
over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak,
and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

"FROM THE BREAKING OF THE DAWN"

From the breaking of the dawn
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure,
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
You are faithful to forgive,
that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Guilt to innocence restored:
you remember sins no more!
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with your hand
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
And you've promised to complete
every work begun in me,
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

Hope that lifts me from despair,
love that casts out every fear,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe,
we will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

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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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starts on Monday 8th October

31 St Peter's Street, from 7:45pm

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