

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 23rd September

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

### Tuesday 25th September

12 noon Tuesday Community Group (*The Hall*)  
7:30pm JRM\* meeting (*The Vicarage*)

### Wednesday 26th September

10:30am Midweek Communion Service (*St Peter's*)  
7:30pm Crosslands Ministry Training (*the Vicarage*)

### Friday 28th September

7:30pm Men's Pub Games (*St George's Hotel*)

### Saturday 29th September

8:15am Women's Breakfast (*The Hall*)  
7:00pm Quiz Night (*The Hall*)

### Sunday 30th September

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

\* JRM: Jericho Road Ministries

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For more information about St Peter's,  
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or [www.twitter.com/StPeters\\_CO11DZ](https://www.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).

**Christianity Explored starts soon...** on Monday 8th October. For further information, please see the invitation cards or contact Aella Gage.

**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.

**The Tuesday Community Group** will meet again on the 25th September at 12noon, starting with a light lunch.

**Gifts for Harvest Festival.** During our Harvest Service on the 30th September, we will be collecting gifts for Beacon House. Please pick up a leaflet from church with a list of items they have particular use for this year.

**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.

**Thank you.** A big 'Thank You' to all those who welcomed visitors over the Heritage Open Days and Ride & Stride. Your help with keeping the church open was very appreciated and we had 435 visitors!

**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.

**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/](https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterPoetryProject/)

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## 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.**

# Morning Service

**Sunday 23rd September**

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### "O LORD MY GOD"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*[SPK leave for their groups]*

When through the woods and forest glades  
I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:  
*Then sings my soul...*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away our sin;  
*Then sings my soul...*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!  
*Then sings my soul...*

*Stuart Hine, © 1953, Thankyou Music*

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**FIRST BIBLE READING: Psalm 148**  
*page 526; read by Lenny Lewis*

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

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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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## “HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS”

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer’s ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
’Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.

Dear name, the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! My Shepherd, Saviour, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I’ll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of Thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

*John Newton*

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## SECOND BIBLE READING: Matthew 6.5-15

*page 811; read by Duncan Breckels*

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

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## “PREPARE OUR HEARTS, O GOD”

Prepare our hearts, O God,  
help us to receive;  
break the hard and stony ground,  
help our unbelief.  
Plant Your Word down deep in us,  
cause it to bear fruit;  
open up our ears to hear,  
lead us in Your truth.

*Show us Christ, show us Christ,  
O God, reveal Your glory  
through the preaching of Your Word,  
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light  
upon our darkened eyes:  
guards us through temptations,  
makes the simple wise.  
Your Word is food for famished ones,  
freedom for the slave,  
riches for the needy soul -  
come speak to us today!  
*Show us Christ, show us Christ,  
O God, reveal Your glory  
through the preaching of Your Word,  
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

*Doug Plank & Bob Kauflin, © 2011, Sovereign Grace Worship*

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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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## “CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS”

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God’s own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds:  
tell of love which knows no limits,  
grace which meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness  
into his most marvellous light;  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
that God's name is glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God's heart of love;  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know his welcome  
and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people he intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your master sends:  
royal priests, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service,  
sing his praise, his love declare!

*James Edward Seddon, © 1964, Mrs M Seddon*

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## THE PRAYERS

### \* **The Collect for the 17th Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts  
and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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 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.**

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## THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES

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### “YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER”

You're the Word of God the Father  
from before the world began;  
every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together  
by the power of your voice:  
let the skies declare your glory,  
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
and your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry,  
with a word you stilled the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered  
that the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation...*

With a shout you rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven  
leading captives in your wake.  
Now you stand before the Father  
interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation  
you are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation...*

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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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