

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 30th September

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

Wednesday 3rd October

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

Saturday 6th October

8:00am Church Prayer Meeting (*the Hall*)

Sunday 7th October

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

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CHURCH NOTICES

A huge "thank you" to everyone who has been involved in this weekend's *Life to the Full* events.

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

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 next Church Prayer Meeting will be on Saturday 6th October, at 8:00am, in the Hall.

St Botolph's Harvest Lunch. Anyone at St Peter's would be welcome to join the St Botolph's Harvest Lunch next Sunday (7th October). For details of how to get hold of a ticket, please contact Bernice in the Parish Office.

Friends of Essex Churches Trust Ride and Stride. Many thanks to Stephen Lloyd, Alan Gray, Mick & Anne Kavanagh, our cyclists this year, and to all their generous sponsors. Around £550 was raised, half of which goes back to our church.

Diary 2019. Free copies of Diary 2019 booklets are available in church today. Please pick up a copy if you would like one.

Repairs to the Church roof and guttering. At the recent PCC meeting, it was decided to commission the necessary and urgent repairs to the church roof. It is hoped that the work can begin in November. More details to follow.

Rotas for November 2018 — February 2019. It would be very helpful if people could let us know their "unavailability" for the next set of rotas, by 14th October. This information can be entered online into *My ChurchApp* (stpeterscolchester.churchapp.co.uk - go to *My Rotas*, then scroll down to *Unavailability*). If you need new or replacement login details, please ask Bernice in the Parish Office.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Guest House Project is due to open up again on Tuesday 18th December.

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 this morning is led by Rev 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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 30th September 2018

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME"

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

We ourselves are God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871) alt.

CONFESSION

God our Father, we are sorry for the times
when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and have acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you are the One
who have given them to us.
Father in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

May the Lord enrich us with his grace,
and nourish us with his blessing;
the Lord defend us in trouble
and keep us from all evil;
the Lord accept our prayers
and forgive us for all our offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

“WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER”

*[please bring Harvest Gifts to the front
during the singing of this hymn]*

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star:
he fills the earth with beauty,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

All good gifts around us...

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good;
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us...

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815), translated J. M. Campbell (1817-1878)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE FIRST BIBLE READING: John 1.1-13

page 886; read by Anne Kavanagh

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

“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS JUSTICE AND JOY”

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

[SPK leave for their groups]

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

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THE SECOND BIBLE READING: John 3.16-21

page 888, read by James Wallace

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

THE SERMON

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THE PRAYERS

* **The Collect for the 18th Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that,
forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 NOTICES

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness...

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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.**

*Refreshments will be brought to you in the pews.
Please do stay for a while.*