

## DIARY DETAILS

### Sunday 7th October

9:45am Harvest Festival Service (*St Botolph's*)

11:00am Communion Service (*St Peter's*)

6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

### Monday 8th October

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

### Tuesday 9th October

12 noon Community Group (*the Church Hall*)

### Wednesday 10th October

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

7:30pm Crosslands Training Group (*the Vicarage*)

### Sunday 14th October

9:45am Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)

11:00am Morning Service (*St Peter's*)

6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**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).

**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 in the next few weeks. More details to follow.

**Operation Christmas Child — Shoeboxes.** Boxes and leaflets available to pick up in church today.

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

**The Joint Evening Service at Castle** on Sunday 21st October at 6:30pm has been cancelled because there is a Circuit Service to recognise newly-appointed Local Preachers at The Ark Methodist Church, Highwoods.

**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](http://www.stpeterscolchester.org) or [www.twitter.com/StPeters\\_CO11DZ](https://twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ) or [www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester)

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## A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

If you have any questions or concerns, 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 7th October 2018**

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### "REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!"

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice...*

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice...*

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

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## AN OPENING PRAYER: FOR GOD'S CAUSE

Sovereign God,  
Thy cause, not my own, engages my heart,  
and I appeal to thee with greatest freedom  
to set up thy kingdom in every place  
where Satan reigns;  
Glorify thyself and I shall rejoice,  
for to bring honour to thy name is my sole desire.  
I adore thee that thou art God,  
and long that others should know it, feel it,  
and rejoice in it.  
O that all men might love and praise thee,  
that thou mightest have all glory  
from the intelligent world!  
Let sinners be brought to thee for thy dear name!  
To the eye of reason everything respecting  
the conversion of others is as dark as midnight,  
But thou canst accomplish great things;  
the cause is thine,  
and it is to thy glory that men should be saved.  
Lord, use me as thou wilt, do with me what thou wilt;  
but, O, promote thy cause, let thy kingdom come,  
let thy blessed interest be advanced in this world!  
O do thou bring in great numbers to Jesus!  
let me see that glorious day,  
and give me to grasp for multitudes of souls;  
let me be willing to die to that end;  
and while I live let me labour for thee  
to the utmost of my strength,  
spending time profitably in this work,  
both in health and in weakness.  
It is thy cause and kingdom I long for, not my own.

O, Sovereign God,  
**answer thou my request!**

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## BIBLE READINGS

*read by Clare Reid*

- \* **1st reading: Matthew 6.5-15** (page 811)
- \* **2nd reading: 2 Peter 3.1-10** (page 1019)

*At the end of each reading...*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## “YOUR KINGDOM COME” — part 1

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### “THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE”

There is a higher throne  
than all this world has known,  
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue  
will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand,  
made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace —  
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,  
their thunderous anthem rings,  
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,  
their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, power,  
strength, thanks, and honour are  
to God our King, who reigns on high,  
for evermore.*

And there we'll find our home,  
our life before the throne;  
we'll honour Him in perfect song  
where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye  
as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;  
we'll reign with Him.

*Hear heaven's voices sing...*

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## “YOUR KINGDOM COME” — part 2

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### “LET YOUR KINGDOM COME”

Your glorious cause, O God,  
engages our hearts:  
may Jesus Christ be known  
wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown;  
the cross has saved us so we pray:  
Your kingdom come.

*Let Your kingdom come,  
let Your will be done  
so that everyone might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,  
till Your sovereign work on earth is done —  
let Your kingdom come.*

Give us Your strength, O God,  
and courage to speak;  
perform Your wondrous deeds  
through those who are weak.  
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test,  
by grace we'll preach Your gospel  
till our dying breath.  
*Let Your kingdom come,  
let Your will be done  
so that everyone might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,  
till Your sovereign work on earth is done —  
let Your kingdom come.*

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## THE NOTICES

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### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*led by Lizzie Wallace*

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### “AND CAN IT BE”

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain;  
for me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above -  
so free, so infinite His grace -  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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## 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.**

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## 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*

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## 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.**

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## 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.*

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## 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.**

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## "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot,  
thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
*It is well, (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded  
my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
*It is well (it is well)...*

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross,  
and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
*It is well (it is well)...*

And, Lord, haste the day  
when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.  
*It is well (it is well)...*

*Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888)*

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## 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.**

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*Please be seated.*

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

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

### **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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### **Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice:**

You became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times, I've wondered at your gift of life,  
and I'm in that place once again,  
yes, I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon  
the cross where You died,  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you,  
once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the Heavens, where one day I'll bow;  
but for now, I'll marvel at your saving grace,  
and I'm full of praise once again  
yes, I'm full of praise once again.

*And once again...*

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## What's the best news you've ever heard?

We all get one life to live  
and deep down we're all asking the same question:  
what's it all about?



**STARTING TOMORROW EVENING...**

## CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Monday evenings  
**starting 8th October**  
from 7:45pm, at 31 St Peter's Street (CO1 1ES)

**any questions?**  
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