

**A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!  
Thank you for joining us this morning.**

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**MINISTRY TEAMS – for this Sunday (7th April)**

**Music & Tech Team**

- Pianist: Richard Lawn
- Singers: Anne Kavanagh & Ann Larkin
- Guitars: Alan Gray
- Drums: Ed Bradley
- Mixer Desk: Josh Wallace
- Projection: Peter Nwosu

**Post-Service Refreshments Team**

- Set-up (from 9:30am): Matt Wallace
- Kitchen: Matt & Tom Van Den Broek
- Servers: Gabi Froude, John Hartwell, Maureen Hartwell, Matt Wallace

**St Peter's Kids (SPK) Team**

- Holiday Club for Bible Tots & Diggers: Caroline Sheldrick

**Sunday Housekeeping Team**

- 10:30am Service Warden: Trevor Froude
- Unlocking Church & Hall: Mark Wallace
- Congregation Count: Andrew Lawn
- Tidy-Up: Simona Cerkauskiene & Geraldine Joslin
- Count & Verify Collection: Mick Kavanagh & Richard Lawn
- Locking Church & Hall: Mick Kavanagh

**The 10:30 Service Team**

- Leader: Mark Wallace
- Preacher: Neil McCathie
- Bible Reading: Liz Barker
- Leading Intercessions: Anne Kavanagh
- Communion Steward: Matt Cox
- Communion Assistants: Chris Gray & John Hartwell

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**MINISTRY TEAMS – for next Sunday (14th April)**

**Music & Tech Team**

- Pianist: Richard Lawn
- Singers: Anne Kavanagh & Ann Larkin
- Guitars: Alan Gray
- Drums: Ed Bradley
- Mixer Desk: Josh Wallace
- Projection: Peter Nwosu

**Post-Service Refreshments Team**

- Set-up (from 9:30am): Matt Wallace
- Kitchen: Stephen & Sheila Lloyd
- Servers: Simona Cerkauskiene, Gabi Froude, Maureen Hartwell, Lizzie Wallace

**St Peter's Kids (SPK) Team**

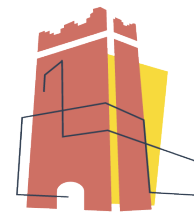
- Holiday Club for Bible Tots & Diggers: Wendy Whitfield & Maureen Hartwell

**Sunday Housekeeping Team**

- 9:00am Service Warden: Geraldine Joslin
- 10:30am Service Warden: John Hartwell
- Unlocking Church & Hall: Mark Wallace
- Congregation Count: Andrew Lawn
- Tidy-Up: Clare & Holly Reid
- Count & Verify Collection: Richard Lawn & Anne Kavanagh
- Locking Church & Hall: Mark Wallace

**The 10:30 Service Team**

- Leader & Preacher: Mark Wallace
- Bible Reading: Abiola Adegbite
- Leading Intercessions: Ed Bradley



**St Peter's**  
COLCHESTER

**Communion Service**

Sunday 7th April 2024  
10:30am

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## THE COLLECT

*for the Second Sunday of Easter*

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice  
and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

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## COMMUNION AT ST PETER'S

This is a Service of Holy Communion. We invite to the Lord's Table today all those who are, by God's grace, in a right relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and with their neighbour. \*

When we come to the administration, please remain in your pew until invited forward by the steward. Children, and those who do not yet feel ready to receive communion, are welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing (and indicate this by holding this service-sheet in your hand). It helps the flow of movement around the church if you then return to your own pew via the side aisles. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew, please indicate this to the steward.

[ \* The official position of the Church of England is that: "Baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and are in good standing in their own Church shall be admitted to Communion in accordance with Canon B 15A." ]

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## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

*Mark Wallace, Vicar of St Peter's*

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### "BEHOLD OUR GOD"

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;  
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on His throne;  
come, let us adore Him!*

*Behold our King! Nothing can compare;  
come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God...*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave;  
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign!

*Behold our God...*

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### "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR"

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails:  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated, and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,  
And You reign, You reign over all.*

*[SPK leave for Holiday Club in the Hall]*

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
where countless worshippers will share one song  
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

*Beautiful Saviour...*

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## PRAYERS OF PREPARATION & PENITENCE

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength."

The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments

hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**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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## INTERVIEW WITH NEIL McCATHIE

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### BIBLE READING: Matthew 28.16-20

*page 835; read by Liz Barker*

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### "AT YOUR FEET WE FALL"

At your feet we fall, mighty risen Lord,  
as we come before Your throne to worship You.  
By Your Spirit's power, You now draw our hearts,  
and we hear Your voice with triumph ringing clear.

*I am He that liveth, that liveth and was dead.*

*Behold I am alive for evermore.*

There we see You stand, mighty risen Lord,  
clothed in garments pure and holy, shining bright.  
Eyes of flashing fire, feet like burnished bronze,  
and the sound of many waters is Your voice.

*I am He that liveth...*

Like the shining sun, in it's noonday strength,  
we now see the glory of Your wondrous face.  
Once that face was marred, but now You're glorified,  
and Your words, like a two-edged sword,

have mighty power.

*I am He that liveth...*

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## THE SERMON

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### THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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### “GO FORTH AND TELL”

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take;  
proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,  
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;  
he will in grace respond to all who call:  
how shall they call if they have never heard  
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;  
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:  
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,  
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
share God's good gifts – let no one be denied;  
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!  
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;  
go till all nations his great name adore  
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore.

*James Seddon (1915 - 1983)*

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### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*led by Anne Kavanagh*

*to finish with the Lord's Prayer...*

**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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### “BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE”

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see Him there  
who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the just is satisfied  
to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb;  
my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I am,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by His blood,  
my life is hid with Christ on high;  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

### *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*

### *The 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.**

### *The Administration of Communion*

*The president and people receive communion, and  
the communicant replies*  
**Amen.**

### *The Prayer after Communion*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

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## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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## "O CHURCH, ARISE"

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;  
hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side  
we know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this victory march continues till the day  
every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,  
give grace for every hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in glory.

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## THE CONCLUSION

May 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 may 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.*

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