

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

MINISTRY TEAMS – for this Sunday (28th 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
- YouTube Livestream: Josh Wallace

Post-Service Refreshments Team

- Set-up (from 9:30am): Matt Wallace
- Kitchen: Matt & Tom Van Den Broek
- Servers: Simona Cerakuskiene, Chris Gray, Marketa Kneblová, Karen Van Den Broek

St Peter's Kids (SPK) Team

- Bible Tots: Lizzie Wallace, with Janice Ng
- Diggers: Clare Reid, with Julia Howard
- Spark: Andrew Lawn, with Maureen Hartwell

Sunday Housekeeping Team

- 10:30am Service Warden: John Hartwell
- Unlocking Church: John Hartwell
- Unlocking Hall: Lizzie Wallace
- Congregation Count: Andrew Lawn
- Tidy-Up: Anne & Mick Kavanagh
- Count & Verify Collection: Richard Lawn & Derek Drew
- Locking Church & Hall: Wendy Whitfield

The 10:30 Service Team

- Leader: Trevor Froude
- Preacher: Aella Gage
- Bible Reading: Ann Larkin
- Leading Intercessions: Richard Lawn

MINISTRY TEAMS – for next Sunday (5th May)

Music & Tech Team

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

Post-Service Refreshments Team

- Set-up (from 9:30am): Matt Wallace
- Kitchen: tbc
- Servers: Simona Cerkauskiene, Gabi Froude, Maureen Hartwell, Amos Watts

St Peter's Kids (SPK) Team

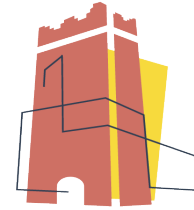
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- Count & Verify Collection: Richard Lawn & Diane King
- Locking Church & Hall: Wendy Whitfield

The 10:30 Service Team

- Leader: Duncan Breckels
- Preacher: John Dunnett
- Bible Reading: tbc
- Leading Intercessions: tbc
- Communion Steward: Duncan Breckels
- Communion Assistants: Matt Cox & Kristin Bradley



St Peter's

COLCHESTER

Morning Service

Sunday 28th April 2024

10:30am

THE COLLECT

for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
has overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

ST PETER'S KIDS (S.P.K.) & YOUTH GROUPS

We are delighted to welcome children and families to St Peter's on Sunday mornings. Please be reassured that all our SPK leaders have completed the relevant Safeguarding 'Safer Recruitment' process.

Our **IGNITE** group (school years 9-13) remains in church throughout the service. You will usually find most of them in one of the back pews. Details of other IGNITE activities are available on request.

The **SPARK** group (school years 5-8) start in church, but will head off early in the service to their own meeting in the Vestry, at the front-left of church. They will join us again before the end of the service.

The **BIBLE TOTS** and **DIGGERS** groups (for those aged 2 up to school year 4) meet in the Church Hall. The leaders collect them at the back door of church and walk them across to the Hall, before bringing them back to church before the end of the service.

The **FAMILY ROOM** in the Church Hall is for all babies up to the age of 2, where parents will be able to watch the livestream of the service.

If you have any questions about either SPK or IGNITE, please do not hesitate to contact any of the people listed on the back of the weekly 'Update'.

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Trevor Froude, Churchwarden of St Peter's

"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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"MY HEART IS FILLED"

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.

[SPK leave for their groups in the Vestry & Hall]

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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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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.**

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.

INTERVIEW WITH AELLA GAGE

BIBLE READING: Luke 6.39-49

page 863; read by Ann Larkin

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"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 SERMON

preacher: Revd Aella Gage

THE APOSTLES' 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/worldwide*]
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Richard Lawn

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.**

"I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY"

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

H.Bonar (1808-89)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

"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.

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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.**

*Please be seated.
Refreshments will be brought to you in the pews.*