

MINISTRY TEAMS – for this 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: Abiola Adegbite, Matt Van Den Broek
- Servers: Gabi Froude, Maureen Hartwell, Amos Watts, Bernice Watts

St Peter's Kids (SPK) Team

- Bible Tots: Lizzie Wallace, with Chris Gray
- Diggers: Peter Wallace, with Bernice Watts
- Spark: Karen Van Den Broek, with Anne Kavanagh

Sunday Housekeeping Team

- 10:30am Service Warden: John Hartwell
- Unlocking Church: John Hartwell
- Unlocking Hall: Lizzie Wallace
- Congregation Count: Andrew Lawn
- Tidy-Up: Clare Reid, Holly Reid, Wendy Whitfield
- 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: Liz Barker
- Leading Intercessions: Ed Bradley
- Communion Steward: Duncan Breckels
- Communion Assistants: John Hartwell, Wendy Whitfield

MINISTRY TEAMS – for next Sunday (12th May)

Music & Tech Team

- Pianist: Richard Lawn
- Singers: Ann Larkin
- Guitars: Alan Gray
- Drums: Ed Bradley
- Mixer Desk: Amos Watts
- Projection: Peter Nwosu
- YouTube Livestream: Josh Wallace

Post-Service Refreshments Team

- Set-up (from 9:30am): Matt Wallace
- Kitchen: Elizabeth Ballard, Simona Cerkauskiene
- Servers: Maureen Hartwell, Marketa Kneblová, Josh Wallace, Isabel Watts

St Peter's Kids (SPK) Team

- Bible Tots: Tash Froude, with Chris Gray
- Diggers: Clare Reid, with Julia Howard
- Spark: Andrew Lawn, with Anne Kavanagh

Sunday Housekeeping Team

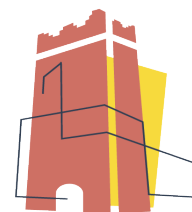
- 9:00am Service Warden: John Hartwell
- 10:30am Service Warden: John Hartwell
- Unlocking Church: John Hartwell
- Unlocking Hall: Clare Reid
- Congregation Count: Andrew Lawn
- Tidy-Up: Anne & Mick Kavanagh
- Count & Verify Collection: Richard Lawn & Derek Drew
- Locking Church & Hall: Mick Kavanagh

The 10:30 Service Team

- Leader: Trevor Froude
- Preacher: Duncan Breckels
- Bible Reading: Margaret Holden
- Leading Intercessions: Matthew Cox

A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

Thank you for joining us this morning.



St Peter's

COLCHESTER

Communion Service

Sunday 5th May 2024

10:30am

THE COLLECT

for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
 he may raise us
to eternal 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.

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."]

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

*Duncan Breckels,
Licensed Lay Minister at St Peter's*

"SEE, WHAT A MORNING!"

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honour and blessing, glory and praise,
to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with Him,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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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.

BIBLE READING: Luke 7.36-50

page 864; read by Liz Barker

At the end of the reading...

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"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

preacher: Revd John Dunnett

"FREEDOM AND LIFE ARE OURS"

Freedom and life are ours
for Christ has set us free!
never again submit to powers
that lead to slavery:
Christ is the Lord who takes
a man to be his own
and by his saving gospel makes
a slave into a son.

Called by the Lord to use
our freedom and be strong,
not letting liberty excuse
a life of blatant wrong:
freed from the law's stern hand
God's gift of grace to prove,
know that the law's entire demand
is gladly met by love.

Spirit of God, come, fill,
emancipate us all!
break our desire to sin, until
before his throne we fall:
glory and liberty
God for his sons decreed,
and if the Son shall make us free
we shall be free indeed!

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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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Ed Bradley

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.**

"O, TO SEE THE DAWN"

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath:
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

O, to see the pain written on Your face
bearing the awesome weight of sin;
every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This, the power of the cross...

Now, the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
'Finished!' the victory cry.

This, the power of the cross...

O, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us!
What a life, what a cost:
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

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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.**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

“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!

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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.

Please be seated.

Refreshments will be brought to you in the pews.

Do please stay for a while.

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