

**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 July)**

**Music & Tech Team**

- Pianist: Richard Lawn
- Singer: Anne Kavanagh & Ann Larkin
- Guitar: Alan Gray
- Drums: Ed Bradley
- Mixer Desk: Josh Wallace
- Projection: Amos Watts
- YouTube Livestream: Josh Wallace

**Post-Service Refreshments Team**

- Set-up (from 9:30am): Dan Watts
- Kitchen: Abiola Adegbite, Elizabeth Ballard
- Servers: Chris Gray, Marketa Kneblova, Bernice Watts, Isabel Watts

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

- Bible Tots: Tash Froude, with Janice Ng
- Diggers: Peter Wallace, with Wendy Whitfield
- Spark: Andrew Lawn, with Maureen Hartwell

**Sunday Housekeeping Team**

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

**The 10:30 Service Team**

- Leader: Duncan Breckels
- Preacher: Dick Farr
- Bible Reading: Ann Larkin
- Leading Intercessions: Richard Lawn
- Communion Steward: Duncan Breckels
- Communion Assistants: Chris Gray & Anne Kavanagh

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

**Music & Tech Team**

- Pianist: Richard Lawn
- Singers: Anne Kavanagh & 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: Maureen Hartwell & Dan Watts
- Servers: Gabi Froude, Jayden Nwosu, Bernice Watts, Isabel Watts

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

- Bible Tots: Tash Froude, with Bernice Watts
- Diggers: Clare Reid, with Julia Howard
- Spark: Karen Van Den Broek, with Chris Gray

**Sunday Housekeeping Team**

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

**The 10:30 Service Team**

- Leader: Trevor Froude
- Preacher: Duncan Breckels
- Bible Reading: Anne Kavanagh
- Leading Intercessions: Ed Bradley



**St Peter's**

COLCHESTER

**Communion Service**

Sunday 7th July 2024

10:30am

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## THE COLLECT

*for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.

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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

*Duncan Breckels*

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### "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation!  
Come all who hear: brothers and sisters, draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things  
so mightily reigning:  
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen all you have needed has been  
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work  
and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love will befriend us.

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

Praise to the Lord – O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises  
before him!  
Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again -  
gladly with praise we adore him!

*Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and others*

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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 DICK FARR

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### BIBLE READING: Luke 15.1-7

*page 874; read by Ann Larkin*

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## "NOW, IN REVERENCE AND AWE"

Now, in reverence and awe,  
we gather round your word;  
in wonder, we draw near  
to mysteries that angels strain to hear,  
that prophets dimly saw.  
So let your Spirit shine upon the page and  
*teach me, open up my eyes  
with truth to free me;  
light to chase the lies.*  
*Lord Jesus, let me meet you in your Word  
Lord Jesus, let me meet you in your Word.*

Lord, your truth cannot be chained,  
it searches everything -  
my secrets, my desires.  
Your word is like a hammer and a fire:  
it breaks, it purifies.  
So let your Spirit shine into my heart and  
*teach me, open up my eyes...*

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## THE SERMON

*preacher: Revd Dick Farr*

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## "IMMORTAL HONOURS"

Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head;  
my God, my portion, and my Living Bread;  
in Him I live, upon Him cast my care;  
He saves from death, destruction, and despair.

He is my refuge in each deep distress;  
the Lord my strength and glorious righteousness;  
through floods and flames He leads me safely on,  
and daily makes His sovereign goodness known.

My every need He richly will supply;  
nor will His mercy ever let me die;  
in Him there dwells a treasure all divine,  
and matchless grace has made that treasure mine.

O that my soul could love and praise Him more,  
His beauties trace, His majesty adore;  
live near His heart, rest in His love each day;  
hear His dear voice and all His will obey.

*William Gadsby (1773 - 1844)*

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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.**

## **"IN CHRIST ALONE"**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh,  
fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied -  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
then, bursting forth in glorious Day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And, as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns, or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## **THE 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.**

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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 after Communion*

*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.**

**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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**“HE WILL HOLD ME FAST”**

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
through life's fearful path,  
for my love is often cold –  
He must hold me fast.  
*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast,  
for my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost,  
His promises shall last;  
bought by Him at such a cost –  
He will hold me fast.  
*He will hold me fast...*

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
justice has been satisfied,  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast,  
till our faith is turned to sight –  
when he comes at last.  
*He will hold me fast... [repeat chorus to finish]*

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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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