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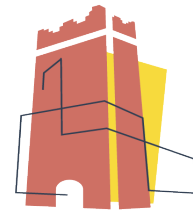
**A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!
Thank you for joining us this morning.**

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1 Corinthians 12.1-11

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St Peter's

COLCHESTER

Morning Service

10:30am
Sunday 6th September 2026

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

We are delighted to welcome children and families to St Peter's on Sunday mornings. Everyone begins the service together in church.

Part-way through the service, children are invited to leave for:

- **PARENT-LED CRÈCHE** – for pre-school children, meeting in the Lounge. Parents/carers remain with their children.
- **SEEKERS** – for children in **Reception to Year 2**.
- **DIGGERS** – for children in **Years 3 to 6**.

At the appropriate point in the service, parents/carers are asked to take their children down to the Hall, to register them, and to collect them in person after the service has finished.

Our **SPARK** (Years 7-9) & **IGNITE** (Year 10+) groups are currently paused while we review provision for older children and young people. All are very welcome to remain in church throughout the service.

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Please scan this QR code with your smartphone to connect with us online: you can ask a question, send us a prayer request, or just ask for more information about things at St Peter's...



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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Mark Wallace, Vicar of St Peter's

"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness!
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three-in-one!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed, washed by His blood,
come and rejoice in His great love!
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin,
cast all your burdens now on Him!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in power to reign,
heaven and earth will join to say:
"O praise Him! Alleluia!"
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8-9

**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.

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

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At the end of the reading...
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AT THE HEART OF GOD'S WORD

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12.7)

"HIS GLORY AND MY GOOD"

I have seen my Father's glory
revealed in Jesus Christ,
and the more that I behold Him
the more He satisfies.
When I gaze upon His beauty,
when I see Him as I should,
then my eyes are lifted upward
for His glory and my good.

There is hope in every trial,
for I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards Him,
and help me bear the thorn;
so in faith I follow Jesus
on the road not understood,
for I know that He is working
for His glory and my good.
*To our God be the glory,
to our God be praise,
He alone, the name above all names!
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God,
for I know His glory is my good.*

See the open arms of Jesus
upon the cross that day:
what they understood as weakness
deserves my every praise.
For the charge that was against me,
it was nailed into the wood.
Yes, I know that He has saved me
for His glory and my good.
To our God be the glory...

Would I gladly be made nothing
that Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom
that far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father
where the faithful saints have stood,
and with joy my heart shall praise Him
for His glory and my good.
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
for His glory and my good
To our God be the glory...

[repeat chorus, and repeat last line]

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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.**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

*After Church Family News,
and as we start to sing the next hymn,
parents/carers are now invited to take children
in Seekers and Diggers to their groups in the Hall.
The Parent-Led Crèche is also available in the Lounge.*

“O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING”

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
the triumphs of his grace!
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
'tis life, and health, and peace.
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
his blood availed for me.
his blood availed for me.

He speaks: and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
the humble poor believe.
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.
and leap, ye lame, for joy.
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.
the honours of thy name.
the honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

“I AM NOT MY OWN”

The One who made the heavens,
made my heart and soul;
before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece,
and all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the living God;
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.
As I bear His image, O, may I not profane
the holiness I hold in this earthly frame.
I belong to the Lord, O, I am not my own,
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own;
I will honour Him, for this I know:
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own;
the measure of my worth is His love alone.
He declares my standing, and He declares my state,
so I will know myself by the name He gave.
I belong to the Lord, O, I am not my own...

I am not my own and now my heart is free;
O Maker, come and make what You will of me.
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair,
so Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care.
I belong to the Lord, O, I am not my own...
I will honour Him, for this I know:
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.

Ben Shive | Bryan Fowler | Skye Peterson | Tom Anderson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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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.**

"HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD"

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul –
bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for Your purity:
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do –
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace;
turn my striving into works of grace:
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made –
show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise,
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

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THE SERMON

[the sermon outline is on the back page]

"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.

*Please will parents of children in Seekers & Diggers
collect their children from the Hall.*

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

**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.**

*Refreshments will be brought to you in the pews.
Refreshments are also available in the Church Hall.*