

Series Title:
"Given by God. Shared for good."

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

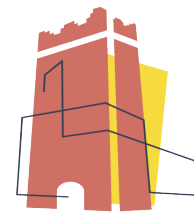
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1 Chronicles 29

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St Peter's
COLCHESTER

Harvest Festival Service

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Sunday 4th October 2026
10:30am

THE COLLECT

for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ST PETER'S KIDS (SPK) & YOUTH GROUPS

We are delighted to welcome children and families to St Peter's on Sunday mornings.

Registration takes place in church from 10:15am.

Children stay in church for the first part of the service. At the appropriate point, parents and carers should take their children down to the Hall and check them in with the SPK team.

- **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 end of the service, please return to the Hall to check your child out and collect them. *Once a child has been checked out, responsibility for their supervision returns to their parent or carer.*

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.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Mark Wallace, Vicar of St Peter's

"COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME"

*[please bring Harvest Gifts to the front
during the singing of this hymn]*

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

We ourselves are God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871) alt.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God our Father, we are sorry for the times
when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and have acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget
that you are the One who have given them to us.

Father in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

May the Lord enrich us with his grace,
and nourish us with his blessing;
the Lord defend us in trouble
and keep us from all evil;
the Lord accept our prayers
and forgive us for all our offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

BIBLE READING: 1 Chronicles 29.1-18

page 356-357; read by Mabel Santhosh

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AT THE HEART OF GOD'S WORD

"For all things come from you, and of your own
have we given you." (1 Chronicles 29.14b)

"WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS"

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star:
he fills the earth with beauty,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

All good gifts around us...

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good;
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us...

*Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)
trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)*

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 invited to take children
in Seekers and Diggers to the Hall
and check them in with the SPK team.*

The Parent-Led Crèche is also available in the Lounge.

"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!

*Jonathan Baird | Ryan Baird | William Henry Draper |
St. Francis of Assisi | © 2013 Sovereign Grace Praise*

"CREATOR GOD"

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,
your glory shines in all that you have made;
you spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness –
all earth replies: "majestic is your name!"
And who am I, though made below the angels,
that you, my King, are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus,
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
as on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark.
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered,
the one who spoke out stars now breathes his last.
And who am I, the lowliest of sinners
that you would pay the price my sin deserves?
My Maker scarred for those who marred his likeness,
and from his wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory,
death could not hold the one who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness
and in our hearts, his risen life now shines.
And who are we, that you would call us children
and raise us up from death to life with you,
where we will sing the New Creation anthem:
"O praise the one who's making all things new!"
[repeat from: "And who are we, that..."]

And so we wait in eager expectation,
and join the song as all creation groans:
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
the Day you call your sons and daughters home."

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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.**

*Please will parents return to the Hall
to check their children out of SPK and collect them.*

"WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS"

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THE SERMON

[the sermon outline is on the back page]

"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! 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!*

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! 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!*

Thomas Chisholm, © 1923, Hope Publishing

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 do be seated.

Refreshments will be brought to you in the pews.

*Alternatively, refreshments are also being made
available in the Church Hall.*

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