

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

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

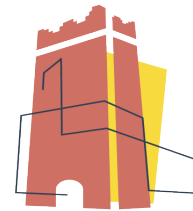
Given to one another

1 Corinthians 12.12-31

1. "I don't belong" (12.12-20)

2. "I don't need you" (12.21-26)

3. "You are the body of Christ" (12.27-31)



St Peter's
COLCHESTER

Morning Service

Sunday 13th September 2026
10:30am

THE COLLECT

for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith
and active in service;
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.

CONNECT with us at St Peter's

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...



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Mark Wallace, Vicar of St Peter's

"COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING"

Come, people of the risen king,
who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice,

O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice...

Come, young and old from every land,
men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age;
'Our God is all in all'.

Rejoice! Rejoice...

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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 12.12-31

page 959; read by Mick Kavanagh

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AT THE HEART OF GOD'S WORD

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one
of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12.27)

"GRACIOUS FATHER, SON AND SPIRIT"

Gracious Father, Son and Spirit,
ever joined in bonds of love,
may your church share in the union
of our God, the Three-in-One.
May the love of God our Father,
poured on us in Christ the Son,
in the union of His Spirit,
fill our hearts and make us one.

Then let us adore,
and give him his right:
All glory and power,
all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing,
with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing
and infinite love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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.

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

Your Word is living light
upon our darkened eyes:
guards us through temptations,
makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
freedom for the slave,
riches for the needy soul –
come speak to us today!

*Show us Christ, show us Christ,
O God, reveal Your glory
through the preaching of Your Word,
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

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THE SERMON

[the sermon outline is on the back page]

“YE SERVANTS OF GOD”

Ye servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad
his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious
of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious
and rules over all.

God ruleth on high,
almighty to save;
and still he is nigh:
his presence we have.
The great congregation
his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation
to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God
who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud,
and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus
the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces,
and worship the Lamb.

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

We are one in Christ our Saviour –
in His death we all have died,
in His resurrection power
we, in Him, are made alive.
So we all, as ransomed sinners,
stand united in His love;
drawing near to God together,
by His Spirit, through His Son.

Through His word, our gracious Saviour
draws us to Himself in love;
builds us up into a Temple,
where by grace He dwells with us.
On foundations of His promise,
built on Him our Cornerstone,
may we stand as one forever,
may His love in us be shown.

Lord, forgive our sad divisions;
in your gospel make us one:
bound together in Your Spirit,
bought by Jesus' precious blood.
Living worthy of our calling,
let us cast all strife aside,
'til, as one, we see His glory,
as His perfect holy bride.

Keep us steadfast in Your promise,
standing firm with all the saints,
'til at last we come to heaven,
and as one we see your face.

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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 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.

“CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION”

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion’s help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

We as living stones implore you:
come among us, Lord, today!
with your gracious loving-kindness
hear your children as we pray;
and the fulness of your blessing
in our fellowship display.

Here entrust to all your servants
what we long from you to gain -
that on earth and in the heavens
we one people shall remain,
till united in your glory
evermore with you we reign.

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“THE SERVANT KING”

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
‘Yet not my will but yours,’ he said.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Come, see his hands and his feet:
the scars that speak of sacrifice;
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other’s needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we’re serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Anne Kavanagh

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.**

“SHOW US CHRIST”

Prepare our hearts, O God,
help us to receive;
break the hard and stony ground,
help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us,
cause it to bear fruit;
open up our ears to hear,
lead us in Your truth.

*Show us Christ, show us Christ,
O God, reveal Your glory
through the preaching of Your Word,
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*