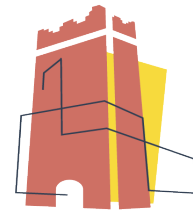


A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!
Thank you for joining us this morning.



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Morning Service

Sunday 11th October 2026
10:30am

THE COLLECT

for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.

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

Duncan Breckels, Licensed Lay Minister

"PRAISE TO THE LORD"

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

Praise to the Lord,
above all things so wondrously reigning:
sheltering you under his wings,
and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with his love He befriends you.

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 forever adore him!

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) | tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

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: Acts 14.1-7

page 923; read by Anthony Nwosu

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AT THE HEART OF GOD'S WORD

"So they remained for a long time, speaking
boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the
word of his grace" (14:3).

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.**

"AMAZING GRACE"

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free;
my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me,
and like a flood, His mercy reigns –
unending love, amazing grace!*

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

My chains are gone...

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God who called me here below
will be forever mine,
you are forever mine!

My chains are gone...

[repeat chorus, and repeat last line twice]

John Newton (1725-1807); this adaptation © 2006 Rising Springs

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.*

"BY FAITH"

By faith we see the hand of God,
in the light of creation's grand design;
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise in their hearts;
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward,
till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear;
with the power to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.
By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth.

We will stand as children of the promise...

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.

We will stand as children of the promise...

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Rosemary Boreham

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.**

"BE THOU MY VISION"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright Heaven's Sun!
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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THE SERMON

preacher: Rev Stuart Hull

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

Crown him with many crowns;
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy chosen King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began,
and ye who tread where he hath trod
crown him the Son of Man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life;
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the king to whom is given
the wondrous name of love!
All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for those hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) & Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

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.*