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

Sunday 15th November 2026
11:15am

St Peter's
COLCHESTER

Rock Solid

with St Peter's Kids

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

This is the third of our three Sunday morning services, which are currently taking place as follows:

- 9.00am – **Holy Communion** in church: a short service using the Book of Common Prayer.
- 9.45am – **Morning Prayer** in the Hall: a more traditional service with hymns, prayers and Bible teaching.
- 11.15am – **Rock Solid** in the Hall: a more informal service, including provision for children.

Everyone is warmly welcome at any or all of our services! We particularly encourage families with children to join us at 11.15am, when our St Peter's Kids (SPK) groups for Reception to Year 6 meet for a short time during the service.

Refreshments are served between the two Hall services, from 10.45 to 11.15am. Whichever service you attend, please do stay or come early to join us. It's a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship together as one church family.

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THE COLLECT

for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear
in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal
and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

details to follow

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"ALL CREATURES"

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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"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.

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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OPENING PRAYERS

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.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE READING

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for
Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles —
2 assuming that you have heard of the
stewardship of God's grace that was
given to me for you, 3 how the mystery
was made known to me by revelation, as
I have written briefly. 4 When you read
this, you can perceive my insight into the
mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made
known to the sons of men in other
generations as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the
Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles
are fellow heirs, members of the same
body, and partakers of the promise in
Christ Jesus through the gospel.
7 Of this gospel I was made a minister
according to the gift of God's grace,
which was given me by the working of
his power. 8 To me, though I am the very
least of all the saints, this grace was
given, to preach to the Gentiles the
unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to
bring to light for everyone what is the
plan of the mystery hidden for ages in
God who created all things, 10 so that
through the church the manifold wisdom
of God might now be made known to
the rulers and authorities in the heavenly
places. 11 This was according to the
eternal purpose that he has realized in
Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we
have boldness and access with
confidence through our faith in him.
13 So I ask you not to lose heart over
what I am suffering for you, which is your
glory.

Ephesians 3.1–13

"FROM THE BREAKING OF THE DAWN"

From the breaking of the dawn
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure,
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
You are faithful to forgive,
that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Guilt to innocence restored:
you remember sins no more!
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
and I'll stand
on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with your hand
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
And you've promised to complete
every work begun in me,
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

Hope that lifts me from despair,
love that casts out every fear,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe,
we will stand
on ev'ry promise of Your word.

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ROCK SOLID –
– EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

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,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

"LORD OF THE CHURCH"

Lord of the church,
we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim;
fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ
amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer
what a church should be.

Lord of the church,
we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ
from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live,
and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church,
we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming
and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!
So lead us on, till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant
one new song shall sing
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

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ROCK SOLID –
– BUILDING ON THE ROCK

"FACING A TASK UNFINISHED"

Facing a task unfinished
that drives us to our knees;
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease;
we, who rejoice to know Thee,
renew before Thy throne
the solemn pledge we owe Thee
to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied Thee
defy Thee still today,
with none to heed their crying,
for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying
and pass into the night.
We go to all the world,
with kingdom hope unfurled;
no other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ the Lord.

We bear the torch that flaming
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours,
fired by the same ambition
to Thee we yield our powers
We go to all the world…

O Father, who sustained them,
O Spirit, who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them,
to toil with zeal untired:
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
to labour for Thy sake.
We go to all the world…
(repeat to finish)

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CLOSING PRAYERS

to finish with the Grace…
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.