

St Peter's Church, Goldhanger

Pew Notes –

Sunday 1st June,

 **Easter 7**

 9.30am Parish Communion

**A Benefice Prayer**

Heavenly Father,

We ask you to help us to share responsibility,

 grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need,

 reach out to others and welcome newcomers.

 Lord Jesus, guard this parish and help us to plan the future of the benefice as we serve you together in this period of interregnum.

 Please guide those who are seeking the right minister for us,

 and those who are seeking the right Benefice for their ministry,

 that together we may discover your way for the future

and see your kingdom grow. Amen

**Prayer for Growth**

**God of mission**

**Who alone brings growth to your Church,**

**Send your Holy Spirit**

**to give Vision to our planning,**

**Wisdom to our actions,**

**and Power to our witness.**

**Help our church to grow in numbers,**

**In spiritual commitment to you**

**and in service to our community,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

**THE COLLECT**

O God the King of glory,

you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,

but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us

and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Readings**

**Acts 16:16-34**

*A jailer is baptized*

16:16One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

16:17While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

16:18She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

16:19But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

16:20When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city

16:21and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe."

16:22The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

16:23After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

16:24Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

16:25About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

16:26Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

16:27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

16:28But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

16:29The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

16:30Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

16:31They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

16:32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

16:33At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

16:34He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

*Blessed are those who wash their robes*

22:12"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

22:13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

22:14Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

22:16"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

22:17The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

22:20The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

22:21The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**John 17:20-26**

*Christ's prayer for his disciples*

17:20"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word,

17:21that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

17:22The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,

17:23I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

17:24Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

17:25"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

17:26I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

Prayers for Peace

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

O God of all justice and peace,

we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen

**Services Next** **Week**

Sunday 8th June

The Day of Pentecost/ Whitsunday

10.00am Family Service

Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D’Arcy on Wednesdays at 10.00am and at All Saints, Little Totham on Saturdays at 5.30pm (BCP)

**Urgent,** Maldon Food Pantry are desperately Short on Supplies

Your support will be greatly appreciated

Maldon Food Pantry

We now have a box in the church for donations for Maldon Food Pantry.

When you are shopping, please consider buying something to donate.

In our current economic state, the Food Pantry gives vital help to people in need.

There are two other drop-off points in Goldhanger:

28 Hall Estate, 18 Fish Street

**Easy fundraising**

Please remember that if you are buying online you can raise funds for the church, and **it wont cost you a penny!**

If you haven’t registered **All you need to do is:**

Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchgoldhanger>

and join for free. Once you have registered just go onto their website and search for the supplier that you would like to buy from. Buy in the usual way. It’s as easy as that!

Please consider joining So far, we have raised **£339.99** from Just **15** supporters!

**Just a thought**: If you do your weekly shop on-line, register with easyfundraising and the church will get a donation each time

It doesn’t cost you anything.

Thank you for your support.

**PCC Meeting**

A reminder for PCC members for the meeting on **Monday evening** at 7.30pm in the Community Room

