



# St Botolphs Church, Colchester

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Friends,

Whilst Autumn is now well advanced, we can still find many flowers that brighten up our gardens.

There is also brightness as we look ahead towards next year, as whilst it may be a little time yet before we get to a new normal, the reports of advances in the availability of vaccines are encouraging. Our year ahead at Church is also looking good, with Clergy and Lay ministry being available for most of the year.

As Christmas approaches our thoughts are focused on caring for others. Most of us hope that we will be able to meet other family members and friends, albeit with some restrictions in place. There are however, many affected by the Covid crisis that will not have sufficient funds to enjoy Christmas as a special time, and the Colchester branch of CAP (Christians Against Poverty) have launched an appeal to supply Christmas Hampers, with treats rather than essentials, to forty or so families in need. Our PCC have agreed to ask us for donations towards this appeal, which we feel need to be by cheque, as due to the limits on movement it will be difficult to collect individual donations of goods. Please send your cheque, made payable to 'St Botolph's PCC' to David Poppleton at 21 Ash Grove, Colchester. CO2 0AH, to arrive by 5<sup>th</sup> December, we will then forward the full value to CAP.

St. Botolph's will again be open for your private prayers from 10.15 until 11.00am on Sunday.

Cannon Paul Norrington who is vicar of Christchurch Church, has invited us to log into the on-line worship at Christchurch. A range of options are available, please have a look at [colchesterchristchurch.org.uk](http://colchesterchristchurch.org.uk)

Castle Methodist Church have also invited us to visit their online worship at <https://www.youtube.com/Colchestermethodists>

## *Collect for Sunday next before Advent CHRIST the KING*

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

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