



# St Botolph's Church, Colchester

8th January, 2021

Dear Friends,

We are sure that most of us, whilst not meeting our families over the Christmas period, will have had some contact by telephone or one of the visual electronic systems. How many of us have 'put on hold' the get together until things improve? We really do miss social interaction and physical contact.

Whilst we are in 'lockdown' some will take the opportunity to do the jobs we have been putting off, perhaps clearing that cupboard, many will watch more television, but a much more important use of some of our time could be in phoning someone who may be lonely, or possibly emailing a beautiful picture to brighten up their day.

Ann Levy our Parish Administrator has written on behalf of the PCC to welcome Bishop Guli as our Diocesan Bishop and to invite her to visit us in Colchester once conditions and her schedule permit. If you would like to know more about Bishop Guli then visit the diocesan website. <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org>

As we are now formally asked by the County Council not to hold Church services, some of our time could be used in reading books from the Bible, some of which will be familiar but often read as lessons and not always linked with the surrounding rhetoric.

We would like to hear your news, perhaps to share with others. The other day whilst on an exercise walk. Gill and David noticed buds coming on the willows and signs of spring all about us. The evenings are starting to lengthen, and our gardens are starting to wake up, Ann has snowdrops in flower, plants may get a big shock if we get a cold spell.

Keep safe, warm and healthy, enjoy what you can and put aside those things that are not possible until we are able to get vaccinated and into a lower tier, or out of lockdown altogether.

Cannon Paul Norrington, has invited us to log into the on-line worship at Christchurch. A range of options are available, please have a look at [Colchester Christ Church](#)

Castle Methodist Church online worship is at <https://www.youtube.com/Colchestermethodists>

## ***Collect for Epiphany 1***

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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.