

ST. BOTOLPHS CHURCH, COLCHESTER



SEPTEMBER 2021 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

As David informed you recently the Mission Group are now going to send out a monthly Newsletter.

The Mission Group are

Nicky Philips, Colin Nicholson, Chris Kidd-Stanton

When we met for the first time our biggest question was –

What will the Reader be looking for? Expecting?

We offer this our 1st “production” & would like feedback. Please contact any one of us with your comment/suggestions .

We would like to begin by thanking David & Gill for all their work sending out a weekly Newsletter over the past 12 months. It has been much appreciated by everyone. Also our thanks to the PCN’s who have forwarded it to their groups each week.

This month we begin to move into a new season & with it more opportunities to enjoy events which were curtailed last year. We hope that many of you will feel comfortable with the present Covid precautions & we look forward to seeing old friends.

re-joining us when they are able.

MESSAGE BOARD

ANNE HOLLIS sends
her best wishes to all
at St. Botolphs

If you are unable to come to church & would like to send a message to everyone, please write a short note to one of us or telephone & we will include it in the next

Newsletter.

Sadly, we have heard of 2 St. Botolphs friends who have had falls recently, fortunately there were no serious injuries. We pray they will soon recover their self confidence & mobility.

As you heard in David's last newsletter, we have had a BAPTISM in St. Botolph's Church, the first for several years. It was a joy to welcome Orla & her family on this happy occasion. I don't think anyone who was there will look at a can of WD 40 3 in 1 oil will ever look at it in the same way again!

We continue to be very thankful to the Ministers who take our Services each week. We appreciate their Ministry to us.

Our next Festival Service is Harvest Festival on October 3rd. Our Red Bucket charity is TREE AID which tackles poverty & also protects the environment in Africa. Growing trees helps land to stay fertile so people can grow food & produce items they can sell. Trees also protect our planet, absorbing carbon dioxide, a cause of the climate crisis

There will be leaflets giving more information in church over the next few weeks.

We will also welcome gifts of Small bags of rice, Tinned fruit, Potatoes, tomatoes & Puddings. Jam, Peanut Butter, Squash, Small multi-pack snacks e.g. Penguin, Club, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste on the day which will be forwarded to COLCHESTER FOOD BANK.

At the recent PCC meeting the current Covid requests were reviewed. It was decided to continue with the request to wear face masks in church & spaced seating. The situation will be reviewed at the next PCC meeting in October.

Have you ever thought you would like to join the small team of Readers or Intercessors?

If you have please come forward & talk to David Poppleton.

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SERVICES for the next month :

September 19th Morning Worship Sara Humphreys LLM

September 26th Holy Communion Michael Fox

October 3rd Harvest Festival Home Team

October 10th Holy Communion Michael Fox

October 17th Morning Worship Clive Joyce LLM

Collect for Trinity 16

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continued pity cleanse & defend Thy Church & because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help & goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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