

ST. BOTOLPHS CHURCH, COLCHESTER

NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



SACRIFICE
TRIBUTE SOLDIERS
REMEMBRANCE
POPPY  **DAY**
VETERANS BRAVERY
RESPECT HEROES
LEST WE FORGET



Dear Friends,

Once again we approach Remembrance Sunday with many wars around the world & we pray for Peace as we remember all those who have given their lives for us.

In a Reflection for Remembrance 2022 Bishop Guli writes –

We remember with thanksgiving the sacrifice of those who gave so much for the freedoms & the life that we enjoy & we hold before God those who continue today to put themselves in danger for the sake of our safety. As we remember & give thanks, so we lean into the hope of a better, more peaceful future & we commit ourselves to continue working ceaselessly for a time where our many differences become a source of celebration rather than division.

We hope you will join us in church on Sunday morning for our Act of Remembrance, but you will be in our prayers if you are not able to be there.

During the last month about 10 members of St. Botolph attended a shared service at Castle Methodist. The service gave a presentation of the story of Zaccheus. Many stayed for coffee & fellowship after the service. There is shared service at St. Botolphs on November 27th

There are continuing meetings with the Diocese & members of Christ Church working together on the appointment of an incumbent for our joint churches. Later in this letter there will be information on Services for St. Botolphs & Christ Church & hopefully you will be able to attend a mixture of both churches.

An early notice – On Saturday 25th February there will be joint 'Quiet Day' with Christ Church held in St. Botolphs Hall, including refreshments. There will be a Speaker & we can share a time of Prayer & Fellowship. All are welcome.

As always this time of the year sees lots of preparation for events leading up to Christmas. Much of the work for every occasion goes on behind the scenes by a very small team. If you have just a little time to spare & can help, please have a chat with David, Gill or any member of the PCC. For the 4 Festivals of the Church calendar we try to decorate the church according to the season. If you have any ideas for Christmas decoration & could give an hour to help would you please speak to Chris Kidd-Stanton or Pauline Palmer.

Forthcoming Services at St Botolph

Sunday Nov 13th Holy Communion Ven Michael Fox

Remembrance Service

Sunday Nov 20th Morning Worship Rev. John Chandler

Sunday Nov 27th Holy Communion Ven Michael Fox

Advent Sunday Renewal of our Covenant with Castle Methodist

Address by Rev. Chris Preece

Sunday Dec 4th Morning Service Rev. John Chandler

The Laying up of the old British Legion Area Standard & Blessing of the new one.

Sunday Dec 12th Holy Communion Ven Michael Fox

Sunday Dec 19th Christmas Celebration Sara Humphreys

Red Bucket Collection for COLCHESTER FOOD BANK

Sunday Dec 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion Ven Michael Fox

Services at Christ Church

Sunday 18th Dec 6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 23.30 Midnight Holy Communion
Bishop Roger assisted by Clive Joyce

Christmas Day 10.00 Family Holy Communion
Rev. Canon Pat Presney

On Thursday December 8th the ABF Army Band has a Christmas Concert in the Church. Tickets are available from David Poppleton.

The PCC had received a request for donations to CAP (Christians against Poverty) for Christmas Hampers. The PCC agreed to donate £150. If anyone would like to make their own donation to be added please see Beau.

We continue to pray for all friends no longer able to join us in our services, especially those who are ill & needing hospital treatment. We also pray for those no longer able to leave their homes. We pray that the Lord will comfort them all & enfold them in His healing arms.

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