



## **ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH Newsletter March 2023**

Lent: a time for fasting, abstinence, penitence, study, meditation, prayer.

A Lent Prayer for a Clean Heart:

Create a clean heart in me, O God, a humble heart, a meek heart, a peaceful heart, a benevolent heart, a devout heart which does evil to no-one, which does not repay evil for evil, but overcomes evil with good, which loves you above all things, thinks always about you, speaks about you, gives you thanks, delights in hymns and spiritual songs, and has its citizenship in heaven. Amen.

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At St. Botolph's we are experiencing a time of concern, for several people who are ill, or who are recovering from illness. They are in our hearts, our thoughts, our prayers, constantly.

But we rejoice in our refurbished organ, and how splendid it sounds! And after the work on the organ, a team of us met one Friday morning under the leadership of Alan, to give the church a thorough clean.

We have much to look forward to, not least the official joining-together with Christ Church (We feel very closely connected already!) And we pray that our two churches will have a new incumbent before very long.

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**The Revd. Chris Smith has been appointed Priest-in-charge of St. Botolphs & Christ Church. He will be licenced on 12-06-2023. Chris has a wife, Emma, who is in training for the ministry & 2 young children. We believe that they will be living at the vicarage in Cambridge Road.**

Services:

St. Botolph's, all at 10.30am

12 March Holy Communion Ven. Michael Fox

19 March Morning Worship – Mothering Sunday

Please note: British Summer Time begins, so Clocks Forward on 26 March

26 March Holy Communion Ven Michael Fox

02 April Morning Worship

**PLEASE NOTE: the Good Friday (07 April) service will be at 10.30am at Castle Methodist, NOT at St. Botolph's, as previously notified.**

09 April Easter Sunday Service, led by the Bishop of Colchester

Our Easter Red Bucket Collection will be for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (and we will remember Revd. Fred Woods, as we donate money to this collection.)

Christ Church

06 April 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Vigil

07 April 10.30am Good Friday Family Worship

7.00pm Good Friday Last Hour of the Cross Service

09 April 6.30am Easter Sunday Sunrise Holy Communion, followed by breakfast (Please book)

09 April 9.30am Family Communion

Castle Methodist

06 April Maundy Thursday Soup & Snack lunch, followed by short service

07 April 10.30am Good Friday service, at Castle Methodist, with St. Botolph's

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