

# ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH COLCHESTER, AUGUST 2023

## NEWSLETTER

The Word of God is like a lamp. It shines upon the unknown way  
And sends into the darkest place, a steady glow, a guiding ray,  
Light Eternal burning ever as towards the Truth men grope  
Leading them by hidden ways along paths of Faith & Hope

**To all friends,**

It is with great sadness we begin this Newsletter telling you of the death of Ed. Hancock. He was a long-term member of St. Botolph's, a great Welsh voice in the choir & friend to many. We send our deepest sympathy to Cynthia & the family. The funeral will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.45pm at the Crematorium. Family flowers only.

Also we have been told of the death of Capt. Aubrey who took services when we were previously in an interregnum. We send our condolences to his family.

### **NEWS FROM July 19<sup>th</sup> P.C.C. meeting**

The Licensing Service for Rev. Chris at St. Botolphs will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm which will be followed with refreshments.

We were all very pleased to receive a copy of An Invitation for Baptisms explaining the Service we will be offering. If you know of anyone who is considering a Baptism please ask Rev. Chris.

The Hall carpet is to be cleaned on Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>.

This year the Covenant Service with Castle Methodist will be on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am at Castle Methodists.

There are no bookings for concerts in August. From September onwards to Christmas it is very busy. There is an urgent need for help with stewarding & David Poppleton would greatly appreciate more volunteers.

At the meeting a booklet on St. Botolphs Circus regeneration was given to all members. Comments were invited & a response has been sent from the P.C.C.

There will be no meeting in August but the P.C.C. will meet again in September.

2023 Harvest Festival will be on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> followed by lunch.

### **Forthcoming Services**

Sunday July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship	Rev. Chris Smith
	With Castle Methodist joining us	
Sunday August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship	Clive Joyce LLM
Sunday August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Ven. Michael Fox
Sunday August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship	Clive Joyce LLM
Sunday August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Rev. Chris Smith



As we enjoy the summer weather (well some of it!) we are thankful for the summer flowers, the delicious summer fruits, the crops ripening in the fields & also holidays. To everyone travelling near or far we wish them safe and happy times.

from the Worship Group