



Welcome to St Botolph's with Castle Methodist Church

Sunday 10th September 2023

10.30am Holy Communion led by Ven. Michael Fox

Welcome

Hymn: When morning gilds the skies

The Gathering

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Prayer of Preparation

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Penitence

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Gloria in Excelsis

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

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The First Reading: Romans 13.8-14 *read by Gail Steel*

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: A new Commandment I give unto you

The Gospel Reading Matthew 18.15-20 *(please stand)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ 'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

The Creed

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Prayers of Intercession *led by Christine Kidd-Stanton*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Hymn: Thee will I love my God and King

The Communion

Prayer B *(page 7)*

The Lord's Prayer

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Prayer after Communion

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Hymn: Thine be the Glory, risen conquering Son

The Dismissal

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Closing Voluntary: March from Scipio by Handel

Please stay for refreshments in the hall (at the end of the corridor)

Giving is an important part of our worship.

Did you know, one of the easiest way to give is by using the Parish Giving Scheme?

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/colchester-st-botolph-colchester/>

NOTICES

Heritage Week 8th – 14th Sept. has begun. Our church will be open from 12.00 – 4.00 pm. Could you spare an hour or two to help Revd. Chris steward. You will not be on your own. David P. has a chart to which you can add your name.

Cynthia and family would like to thank everyone who recently sent cards, letters and messages on the death of Ed. Your kind thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated and were a comfort at a difficult time.

'Three Sunday evenings exploring Holy Communion; simplicity, wonder and the rules' taking place at Christ Church on 17th September, 24th September and 1st October at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Harvest will be celebrated on Sunday, 8th October. A lunch will be served after the service at a cost of £5.00. If you would like to join us please give your name to Gill Poppleton by Sunday, 24th September.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

17th Sept. at 10.30 a.m. - Morning Worship led Revd. Chris Smith

24th Sept. at 10.30 a.m. - Holy Communion led by Ven. Michael Fox

1st October at 10.30 a.m. – Morning Worship led by Clive Joyce LLM

Churchwardens: David Poppleton 01206 570725 and Colin Nicholson 01206 577905

Vicar: Revd Chris Smith 07458 197461

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