



Welcome to St Botolph's Church

Sunday 24 January 2024

Welcome

Hymn: Fight the good fight 308

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 Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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: Revelation 19.6-10 *read by Alan Grimsey*

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: 'Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.' (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.) ⁹ Then the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' And he added, 'These are the true words of God.' ¹⁰ At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, 'Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.'

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: Come, thou long expected Jesus 50

The Gospel Reading John 2.1-11 *(please stand)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.' ⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to

the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.' ¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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 Nicky Phillips*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Hymn: Love divine all loves excelling 134

The Communion

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The Lord's Prayer

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Prayer after Communion

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Hymn: Thee will I love 260

The Dismissal

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Closing Voluntary: Intonatio octavi toni by Sebastian Anton Scherer

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

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Giving is an important part of our worship.

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

NOTICES

Wednesday Bible Study – *10:45am start*

We are enjoying our time together studying God's Word on Wednesday mornings. From this week we are going to trial **starting the session at 10:45am**, instead of 11am so that we have a good session length before we move on to midday prayer. The front doors will be open from 10:30am and refreshments will be served for our start time. With thanks for your understanding as we explore how our Wednesday mornings can flow best.

Midday Prayer Space – this week!

Join us for Midday Prayer on Wednesdays from 12-1pm. There will be opportunities for corporate prayer, individual prayer/reflection and time to pray with or for one another, as needed. This invitation is for all, so please spread the word within our local community.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

28th January at 10.30 am. – Morning Worship led by Revd. Chris Smith

4th February at 10.30 am. – Morning Worship led by Clive Joyce LLM

11th February at 10.30 am. – Holy Communion led by Revd. Chris Smith

14th February Ash Wednesday at 12.00 noon – Holy Communion
led by Revd. Chris Smith

18th February at 10.30 am. -Morning Worship led by Revd. Emma Smith

25th February at 10.30 am. - Holy Communion led by Ven. Michael Fox

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