



## Welcome to St Botolph's Church

Jesus said "If anyone is thirsty,  
let them come to me and drink"

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

### **Welcome to St Botolph's Gift Day**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Kid's Church – We pray for our children and their leaders***

### ***Hymn***

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of His Word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and forevermore!

### ***Prayer of Preparation***

**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.**

## **We say sorry to God and one another**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **We are forgiven**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:34-45 (Please stand) read by Gail Steel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup> 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

<sup>37</sup> 'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?"

<sup>40</sup> 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

<sup>41</sup> 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me

nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.”

<sup>44</sup> ‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”

<sup>45</sup> ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts,  
shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

## ***We declare our faith in God***

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***We pray led by Nicky Phillips***

***We reflect on our giving, and kids church return during the hymn***

## ***Hymn***

Thank you for saving me; What can I say?

You are my everything, I will sing Your praise.

You shed Your blood for me; What can I say?

You took my sin and shame,

A sinner called by name.

*Great is the Lord.  
So great is the Lord.  
For we know Your truth has set us free;  
You've set Your hope in me.*

Mercy and grace are mine,  
Forgiven is my sin;  
Jesus, my only hope,  
The Saviour of the world.  
'Great is the Lord,' we cry;  
God, let Your kingdom come.  
Your word has let me see,  
Thank You for saving me

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Communion**

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he  
opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and,  
taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying. Take, eat, this is my body which is  
given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed  
for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you  
drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the  
cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he  
intercedes for us at your right hand

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your  
creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the  
likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her  
faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with Saint Botolph and all the saints to the vision of  
that eternal splendour for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with  
all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father  
almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and  
ever. Amen.**

***We pray the Lord's Prayer***

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***We break bread***

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### ***We share Communion***

God's holy gifts - for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father.**

*Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table – and if you would prefer to receive a  
blessing, please keep your hands by your side.*

### ***Prayer after Communion***

**Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love; and as you have fed us  
with the one bread of heaven, so make us one in heart and mind,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Notices***

### ***Hymn***

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting: [Refrain]

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

## **We are sent out**

Christ the good shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, draw you and all who hear his voice, to be one flock within one fold; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Voluntary** – Fugue in G minor by Charpentier

*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.

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**

The Minutes of the PCC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October are on the notice board in the Welcome Area.

Please note that this Wednesday (30th October) there will not be Midweek Bible Study or Middyay Prayer Space as we are taking a break for half term

**St Bot's Kids Church** has begun for primary-age children. We'd love to welcome new members so do be praying and asking God if there is someone you know that would like to join the fun! For more details, please speak to Emma.

Everyone is invited to our **Pre Advent Retreat** in the church on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am-3.30pm.

Bring your own picnic lunch, and if you are planning to come, please email [stbotolphscolchester@outlook.com](mailto:stbotolphscolchester@outlook.com)

## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

3rd November at 10.30 am - Morning Worship led by Michael Foster

10th November at 10.30 am - Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion led by Revd. Chris Smith

17th Nov at 10.30 am – Morning Worship led by Sara Humphreys LLM

24th November at 10.30 am – Holy Communion led by Ven. Michael Fox