



Welcome to St Botolph's Church

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

Sunday 24th August 2025

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you **and also with you.**

Prayer of Preparation

Because God was merciful, he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism. Let us return to
the Lord and renew our faith in his promises by confessing our sins in
penitence.

We say sorry to God and one another

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in
your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us
according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and
restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

We are forgiven

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Rejoice, the lord is king!
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph ever more:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice! Again I say: rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
The God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

Gloria (please stand if you are able)

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.**

Collect

**Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your
humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.**

First Reading – Acts 5:12-16 read by Philip Elwell

¹² The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. ¹⁵ As a result, people brought those who were ill into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing those who were ill and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.
*He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 22:24-30 (please stand) read by Philip Elwell

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

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at

the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

Sermon

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.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Nicky Phillips*

The Peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

*Broken for me, broken for you,
The body of Jesus, broken for you.*

He offered His body, He poured out His soul;
Jesus was broken, that we might be whole:

Come to My table and with Me dine;
Eat of My bread and drink of My wine.

This is My body given for you;
Eat it remembering I died for you.

This is My blood I shed for you;
For your forgiveness, making you new.

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.**

And now we give you thanks because, by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine to show forth your glory in all the world.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying: **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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

Breaking the 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.

Giving of 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.**

Prayer after Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Stand up! stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet-call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day!
Ye that are His, now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.

Put on the gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory
Shall reign eternally.

Blessing

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Voluntary: Bourree from The Water Music by Handel

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

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NOTICES

Are you interested in being confirmed?

I am delighted to announce that Christ Church will be hosting a Confirmation Service on Sunday 25th January 2026 at 9.30am led by The Bishop of Colchester, Roger Morris. And this raises the question, would you like to be confirmed?

Confirmation is where a baptised person (perhaps baptised as a child) commits themselves to Jesus, 'confirming' the promises made by them or on their behalf at their baptism. These promises publicly acknowledge Father God's love for us and recognise our choice to turn away from selfishness and evil, embracing God's offer of a fresh start in relationship with him. The Bishop conducts these services and will pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen each candidate with the courage and dedication to live God's way.

If you are considering confirmation or want to know more, please be in touch.

St Botolph's Brick Café is starting in September and is an exciting opportunity to welcome people to St B's on the first Saturday of every month. Would you like to be part of the team offering refreshments and welcome? If so speak to a PCC member.

Mid-week Bible Study Group and Mid-day Prayer Space will be taking a break until September.

SUNDAY SERVICES

31st August at 10.30 am. – Morning Worship led by Chris Smith and Emma Smith. Castle Methodists will join us.

7th September at 10.30 am – Morning Worship led by Clive Joyce

14th September at 10.30am. – Holy Communion led by Emma Smith

STAY IN TOUCH

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www.stbotolphs.org

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