



Welcome to St Botolph's Church

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

Sunday 9th November 2025

Welcome

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

We meet in the presence of God
**who knows our needs, hears our cries,
feels our pain, and heals our wounds.**

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

Hymn

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

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, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading – John 14:1-4, 27 read by David Branson

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

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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

Sermon

Hymn:

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Act of Remembrance

Psalm 46.1 – “God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.”

We remember before God those who have died, and those who are still serving their country in war and peace.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith, for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them

Silence

When you go home, tell them of us and say
For their tomorrow, we gave our today.

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples, and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **We will.**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **Amen.**

Hymn:

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or Earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;

They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home.

We declare our faith in God

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself, and was obedient to death even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

We are led in prayer by David Poppleton

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.**

Notices

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

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
No cares could destroy;
Be there at our waking,

And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe;
Be there at our labours,
And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace;
Be there at our homing,
And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm;
Be there at our sleeping,
And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

Collect

God our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing

To a troubled world **peace from Christ.**
To a searching world **love from Christ.**
To a waiting world **hope from Christ.**

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 the octave of D from Ludus Tonalis by Paul Hindemith

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

GIVING

Giving is an important part of our worship.

One of the easiest way to give is by using the Parish Giving Scheme?
www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/colchester-st-botolph-colchester/

And if you pay tax, please ask for a Gift Aid form.

SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING

St Botolph's is a public space. Please note that CCTV operates throughout the building, and we kindly ask that you do not leave your valuables unattended.

Do you have a concern about a child or an adult at risk?

You can report your concern to the St Botolph's Safeguarding Team:
01206 542307- sarahtruder@gmail.com

Or you can report your concern to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team
01245 294444 - safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org

If you believe a child or adult is in immediate danger, please call the emergency services on 999 right away.

NOTICES

The PCC will meet this coming Wednesday at 2.00 pm. here in church.



Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday, 12th November



10:30 am – Refreshments

10:45 am – 12:00 noon – Bible Study



Midday Prayer

Wednesday, 12th November



12:00 pm – 1pm



All are warmly welcome!



During this month and December, we have several concerts coming up which may interest you. All details can be found on the church website.

Colne Endeavour Band – Sun. 30th Nov. at 2.30pm.

Crafty Drama – Fri. 5th Dec. at 7.00 pm.

Army Benevolent Fund Concert – Thurs. 14th Dec. at 7.30 pm.

David P. has tickets at £15 each for this.

SUNDAY SERVICES

16th November at 10.30am – Holy Communion led by Michael Fox

23rd November at 10.30am – Safeguarding Sunday Holy Communion
led by Chris Smith

30th November at 10.30am - We will join Castle Methodists
for our Annual Covenant Service

7th December at 10.30am – Holy Communion led by Michael Fox

STAY IN TOUCH

Visit our website or call the parish office for more information

www.stbotolphs.org

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