



St. Botolph's Church

Colchester

News from St Botolph's Church.

16th October 2020

Dear Friends,

As we compose this week's newsletter, changes are occurring in the way that our region must handle the escalating Covid-19 crisis. It appears that for another period we are to be limited in the ways that we can meet not only our friends but even our family.

We understand that, currently, with our larger space and ability to social distance, churches may remain open, but we must exercise strict control, sanitise our hands and wear face masks whenever we are in Church.

This Sunday 18th October, our Parish APCM will follow our Communion service, both being presided over by our Area Dean, Canon Paul Norrington. (please see note at end of this newsletter)

At Wednesday's PCC meeting, the following matters were agreed: -

1. **From 1st November our Sunday services will commence at 10.30 am.** This, we feel sure will mean that we do not have to rush too much in the mornings. (when we are finally placed within a mission and Ministry group, this may need further change)
2. **Ron Levy, has been elected as our Safeguarding representative**, this being an important role at a time that the Church of England is under some criticism regarding safeguarding.
3. The Parish meeting, (APCM) should be asked to vote, to negate the clause that excludes Churchwardens and PCC members from being re-elected following previous # years within post.

The Church website, www.stbotolphs.org is slowly being up-graded and you are now able to check on services and PCC minutes, which we trust will be brought up to date on a regular basis.

This week we conclude with 'The Grace', this being the prayer that we all say to include us all, and yes why not read this out loud.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all evermore
Amen.**

Note:- We are aware that some of you who would normally attend the Parish APCM are currently shielding at home. The churchwardens do invite you to let us know of concerns that you would like aired at the Parish APCM. Which we will present on your behalf.

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