



St. Botolph's Church

Colchester

News from St Botolph's Church

23rd October 2020

Dear Friends,

Although we feel sure that you know, we will remind you that this Saturday before you retire for the night, the clocks go back, giving us an extra hour in bed. We wonder who will arrive early for the service on Sunday?

Last Sunday our Communion service was led by Canon Paul Norrington who stayed with us for the Parish AGM (APCM) for which he was Chairman. Whilst there was some discussion, the votes gave us unanimous decisions. These resulted in Ron and David continuing as your Churchwardens with Ann Levy being elected as Deanery Synod Rep. for the coming three years and David Branson being elected as a member of the PCC until next year's elections, when all member positions will need to be elected.

Your Church is kept running by a small team and each one plays a very important role, without naming individuals, it may be preparing for services (and clearing up afterwards) or perhaps reading lessons, preparing prayers, leading services, looking after our finances, arranging flowers, cleaning inside and outside, preparing rotas, being our contact Pcn's, and many other tasks, some of which are being carried out by our friends from Castle Methodist Church.

We, the Churchwardens, always feel guilty that we do not get to thank many of you because we are not to encourage interaction after the services. So here is a **big thank you** to all of you.

Whilst it will be some time yet before we get to the new normal, whatever that will be like, we are starting to see the return of Crafty Drama in the Hall during the early part of the week. They are very conscious of the rules regarding sanitising and social distancing.

We do miss seeing those who feel that their health does not allow them to be with us, and we hope that this newsletter creates a link, to which you are invited to respond. Do let us know some of the Highs and Lows of your week, give us a call if you are feeling lonely and let us know if you feel we can help.

We leave you with this week's collect, 20th Sunday after Trinity.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness
keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us;
that we, being ready both in body and soul,
may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.