



St Botolph's Church Colchester

News from St Botolph's Church.

2nd October 2020

Dear Friends,

Wow! We are in October already, having been back to Sunday services for just one month.

This Sunday, being the first in October, we will be celebrating the Harvest, a word that so often recalls fields of food crops, but of course, we must also celebrate a much wider harvest, of the sea, of industry, and of the fulfilling of people's individual lives which is a personal harvest.

Our Harvest Communion service will be led by Ven. Ruth Patten, our Archdeacon, and we will be supporting the Food Bank with gifts, with our Red Bucket collection being given to Alzheimer's Research.

During the past week the Worship Group have met to discuss services between now and the end of the year. We can confirm that, providing we are still permitted to remain open, we will be holding a service with an act of remembrance on 8th November. Also, on 20th December a Celebration of Christmas, as with current restrictions on singing, it will need to be different to our traditional carol service, and an early evening Communion service on Christmas Eve.

Our Parish AGM / APCM will be held following the Communion service on 18th October, both being led by Rev. Canon Paul Norrington.

Now for a matter that we are sure is of interest to all, the time of our Sunday morning worship. The Worship Group are proposing that the PCC at their meeting on 14th October should change the time of the start of our service to 10.30 am. It must, however, be understood that such new timing may need to change again once St. Botolph's becomes part of a MMU (group of Churches with shared ministry). We would like your comments regarding this proposal prior to the PCC meeting on 14th October.

For those of you who will not be able to be with us at Harvest we ask God's blessing, and we leave you all with the Harvest collect.

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons:
as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet
and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Churchwardens, Ron Levy & David Poppleton