St Botolph's Church

Colchester

News from St Botolph's Church.   9th October 2020

Dear Friends,

Since our last news, we have enjoyed our Harvest Thanksgiving. Thank you to those who decorated the Church, and on Wednesday a large carload of your gifts was delivered to the Foodbank. Thank you to all who contributed, not only the goods but also to the 'Red Bucket' collection in aid of Alzheimer's Research, we are able to send them just over £139.

Thank you also to those who responded to last week's question of service times, your thoughts, generally in favour of a later time, will be presented to the PCC meeting on Wednesday.

Now, the reason for the unusual picture this week is that 'The Shed', at the North East corner of the Church, is currently a topic of discussion, and following a visit to site by the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) on 24th September, we now await the report of their deliberations.. of the DAC. This whole matter was brought about by our request to make this very useful storage space, more attractive and watertight, however some of the DAC would prefer to remove it totally.

This week's service will be led by the 'Home Team' and will include a podcast 'Reflection' by the Archdeacon of West Ham, the Venerable Elwin Cockett. If you are unable to be with us, you can log into the Podcast at 'Chelmsford diocese website podcast' where you will be able to follow the readings and Reflection.

Next week our AGM/APCM follows a communion service, both being led by Canon Paul Norrington.

Within the limitations of Covid 19 guidance, we wish you all comfort and warmth, and happy times with your friends, although probably on the phone or at a distance.

We leave you with this week's Collect

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness:

Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church,

and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Churchwardens,   Ron Levy & David Poppleton