



St. Botolph's Church

Colchester

News from
St Botolph's Church
6th November 2020

Dear Friends,

Whilst those who felt able, have enjoyed two months of Sunday services, we are now in another Lockdown period, during which we are not able to hold Public Worship. Archdeacon Ruth has said she is sad that she will not be with us this Sunday, but hopes to be with us on 6th December, providing we are able to have a service.

We are, however, able to use the Church for Private Prayer and we propose this Sunday (Remembrance Sunday) to open the Church at 10.30am for those who wish to pray with perhaps a focus on the Cross. We shall close the Church following a formal silence at 11.00 am.

There is some happier news to report. You will, we feel sure, remember that Alan and Janice Grimsey's granddaughter Lizzie, who is only two years old, has had cancer surgery and been undergoing a course of Chemotherapy. Lizzie has responded so well that further Chemotherapy is not required and, whilst there will be back-up checks, all looks well for the future. Alan and Janice thank us all for our prayers and messages.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written a joint letter to the Nation, dated 4th November. We attach a copy for you interest.

We will try to keep you up to date with any changes as the Covid-19 situation develops.

Collect for the 3rd Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father, whose will it is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all; govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. AMEN.

The Churchwardens, David Poppleton & Ron Levy.

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