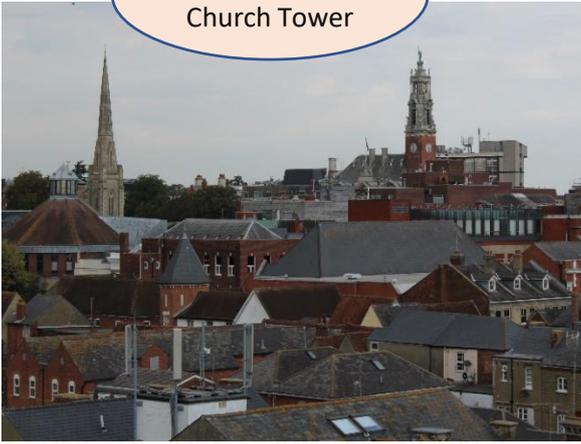


View from the
Church Tower



St Botolphs Church, Colchester

13th November 2020

Dear Friends,

With so much around us being different this year and with many concerns for our health and wellbeing, it seems a long time since we were able to socialise. Socialising is where we have previously shared our concerns for each other and a time when we find out the needs of others. Please do let your Churchwardens know if you are in need of help, perhaps an urgent collection of supplies or a lost contact, we may be able to help.

The Church's financial year is due to end on 31st December and there may be some of us who use the Free Will Offering envelopes, who have envelopes waiting at home. Please let us know if you would like us to arrange collection.

During lockdown, Gill has been sorting some of the Church Magazines/Reviews for archiving, and whilst the years 1947 to 1982 are almost complete, there is a large gap until 2002, after which only a few issues are missing. If you can help supply any copies, please let Gill know.

The current lockdown rules do not let us hold normal services; however, we will open St. Botolph's for private prayer, between 10.15 and 11.00 am on Sundays.

Cannon Paul Norrington who is vicar of Christchurch Church, has invited us to log into the on-line worship at Christchurch. A range of options are available, please have a look at colchesterchristchurch.org.uk

Collect for 2nd Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.