



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

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Today's picture is taken from the book
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Dear Friends,

The short bible passage below is taken from this Sunday's Gospel reading.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, 'Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

This passage is always uplifting as it confirms that great things can come from lowly places and poor beginnings. We may feel, especially during this time of lockdown, that we are not able to do our bit for the world around us, but 'When God is the potter, wonderful things can be produced from the clay'.

This week we have sadly seen Denis Gosling laid to rest. Denis and his family have been a member of the St Botolph's family for about 60 years, our prayers are with his family. Also, David P. was invited by the late Arthur Davies's family to join a zoom meeting, in place of their planned visit to St. Botolph's on the first anniversary of Arthurs death. The good wishes of St. Botolph's were extended to the family.

Our PCC held their January meeting via correspondence, using email and post. The minutes of that meeting can be found on the Church website <https://stbotolphs.org> A couple of points of interest are that we have written to welcome Bishop Guli to the Diocese, inviting her to visit St. Botolph's once time and circumstances permit. Also, we now have a 'Flag Flying policy' indicating when and which flag can be flown on certain days of the year.

Collect for Epiphany 3

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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