



# St Botolph's Church, Colchester

22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2021

Today do we hear you saying. 'Where is Philip'?

Let us hope that we can soon return to Church  
and hear this lovely Organ.

## ***Dear Friends,***

With our days steadily getting longer we are able to see the signs of Spring. So many flowers and shrubs are showing us a new beginning. We hope we will soon see the results of the efforts of so many front-line workers both those looking after us when we are unwell and those who are working tirelessly to find and administer vaccines. We trust that we will then be able to move to a low tier that will give us confidence to return to worship in Church.

After many months of seeking a suitable property and then an extended Covid delayed exchange of contracts, Anne and Jack will be leaving Colchester for their new home in Yorkshire on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We will all miss them a great deal it is fair to say that over the years that Jack has been with us, St Botolph's has benefited greatly from his diplomatic and physical skills. We wish them well.

Gill and David had a chat with Jane and Rev. Fred Woods this week. Whilst they are in good spirits, Fred's health is deteriorating. They send their best wishes to us all.

There is a message for us in the last verse of a hymn we may have sung when younger, 'Jesus good above all other' which could help us through the coming weeks.

Lord in all our doings guide us; Pride and hate shall not divide us;  
We'll go on with thee beside us; and with hope we'll persevere.

## ***Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany***

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power; 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.