



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

29th January 2021

Our unsocially distanced farewell

to Jack and Anne

Early next week they are moving to their
new home in Yorkshire.

Dear Friends,

It is always sad when friends move to new pastures but, we can rejoice in the memories of the years that Jack and Anne have been with us in Colchester. Whilst we will miss them very much, we do wish them well as they settle into new surroundings and make new friends.

Psalm 111, appointed for this Sunday reads rather like a creed, do read it in full. It starts with:- 'Alleluia, I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart' and ends with 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who live by it; his praise endures for ever.'

We have received a letter of thanks from the Colchester CAP whom we supported in their Christmas appeal; it is attached.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked us all to pray with them, from 1st February in remembering the many who have died from Covid-19. and their families and loved ones, <https://www.churchofengland.org/PrayerForTheNation>.

In order to fulfil a legal requirement our Bishop, in consultation with the Archdeacon and Area Dean, have recommended that 'The Benefice of St. Botolph's be suspended for five years, to enable ongoing discussions regarding linking with other benefices in a local MMU'. In layman's terms this means that there is no legal requirement to advertise for an incumbent to fill what would otherwise be a vacancy.

Cannon Paul Norrington, has invited us to log into the on-line worship at Christchurch. A range of options are available, please have a look at [Colchester Christ Church](#)

Castle Methodist Church online worship is at <https://www.youtube.com/Colchestermethodists>

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of
ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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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