



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

12th February 2021

Dear Friends,

Next Tuesday 16th February, is Shrove Tuesday, how do you like your pancakes? It will of course be followed by the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. In previous years there have been formal or informal gatherings for both mid-week services and Lent study groups. This year, whilst there are opportunities to meet online, we feel that most of us will probably do something personal to us, perhaps reading scriptures.

Again this week, we include a short linked reading and bible passages from a booklet 'Tranquil Moments' by Naomi Corke published in 1975. Today's is linked to Psalm 77 verse 11 **'I will remember Thy wonders of old'**.

There are times when the tempter whispers doubts to our mind, and even tries to make us question God's dealings with us. Sometimes we have to pass through a severe testing in one form or another. How easy it would be to give way to the enemy, especially if we are not feeling as strong as we would like to feel. The Psalmist knew what it was to be tired and tempted, then this cry rang out, 'I will remember Thy works of old'. What a joy and strength it will be for us when tempted in this way to call to remembrance God's faithfulness in the past, knowing we can trust our future to Him.

The spring edition of St Botolph's News was sent out by email this week. If you did not receive a copy, please let David know.

We all miss seeing each other and worshipping together, and sadly this week we have again been asked not to return to public worship until the specialists feel it is safe. Let us hope that we can meet for that most important festival of Easter.

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 Sunday next before Lent.

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.