



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

5th March 2021

Dear Friends,

As we find our way through the 'roadmap' to the easing of the lockdown, many of us are looking forward to returning to worship in Church. Initially we must follow rules similar to those last November, we will be wearing face coverings, keeping our distance and there will not be any congregational singing.

We are so pleased that Ven. Michael Fox will be leading our Communion services from our start on Mothering Sunday, 14th March, up to Easter Day, whilst on 21st March and Good Friday the morning service will be led by the Churchwardens with the assistance of the congregation.

We are aware that most of us have had our first COVID-19 vaccination, but we do understand that some will still be shielding due to other health issues. Do join our services if you feel you are able.

We have received an email from Anne and Jack, who are now happily settling in their new home in North Yorkshire, even though they say they are not fully unpacked.

This week, we include another short linked reading and bible passages from a booklet 'Tranquil Moments' by Naomi Corke published in 1975. Today's is linked to 2. Chronicles 20 v.12 **Neither know what we do: but our eyes are upon Thee.**

Are you at the cross-roads and wondering which way to go or what to do? You feel how necessary it is not to make a mistake, and yet you are very uncertain of your own judgment in a particular circumstance. The Lord knows just how we feel when faced with difficult decisions, and also how important it is to make the right ones. How ready He is to guide our footsteps and to show us His way. At times like this it is lovely to be able to say to God, 'Neither know what we do: but our eyes are upon Thee.' Knowing He will never let us down.

Do remember that we can 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 Third Sunday of Lent.

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.