



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

21st March 2021

Passion Sunday

Have you noticed?

The Chancel is not raised, the screen is not there, the Hawkins memorial and the Organ have not been installed, the East window is longer and there is the original arrangement of pews.

Dear Friends,

Prior to his triumphal ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Jesus had, on more than one occasion, told his disciples that he would suffer and die on a cross. This thought alone, should cause us all to contemplate how we would feel and react if such a future lay just two weeks away. Would we just give up or would we try to make the best of the time left to us? The good news is that Jesus rose again for us all on Easter Day.

Following this ideal, our Easter Red Bucket donations this year will be given to Beacon House, in support of the excellent work that they do for those who are less fortunate in our community.

Bishop Guli was confirmed as the Bishop of Chelmsford on Thursday 11th March, during a prayerful and historic service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Between now and Easter, she will complete her ministry as Bishop of Loughborough. Legal authority for oversight of this diocese will remain with Bishop Peter until 19 April at which point Bishop Guli will begin her ministry as our diocesan bishop. It is hoped that we will be able to hold a public Welcome and Installation service in Chelmsford Cathedral in early September.

Sadly, we have heard that Pauline T died earlier this month after a period in a nursing home. She played an active part in both the Church and the Music Society, and will be missed by us all.

St Botolph's is planning to remain open for Sunday services plus a Good Friday service, all at 10.30 am. under controlled conditions, until the government guidelines change the recommendations. Accordingly, we will welcome those who feel that they would like to worship with us. This Sunday is Morning Prayer.

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

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](#)

Collect for Passion Sunday

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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. Amen.

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