



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

4th April 2021

Easter Sunday

Dear Friends,

As this newsletter comes to you on or close to Good Friday, the picture will, we hope, take us from the contemplative and sad days of Holy Week to the good news of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday. The Easter Garden not only reminds us of brighter days to come, but also that Jesus is carrying us, our sins and guilt, through crucifixion to the bright Easter Day with God's promise of a future with Faith, Hope and Love as our guidelines.

Bishop Graham of Norwich, in his Easter message says,

The Gospels record how during Jesus' final earthly weeks anxiety and concern grew amongst his followers and those in authority were on edge. The outlook wasn't good then, just as things don't look very good in the coming weeks for millions of people around the world. We pray that soon we may be able to take up those things again that bring us happiness, be in good health, and see hope being restored in this season. That's what the words at the heart of Easter did for the first disciples and continue to do for us. They are the astonishing words, "**He is Risen!**"

Our Good Friday worship at 10.30am will be 'The Message of Good Friday' during which by readings and music we will be led through the Good Friday message.

Our Easter Day communion service led by Ven Michael Fox, will be a celebration of our Risen Lord. You are welcome to join us at 10.30am.

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 Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Wherever you may be on Easter Day, we wish you all a very

HAPPY EASTER