



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

9th May 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

View from the tower looking North.

Dear Friends,

A third of the year has gone, and we seem to be getting a pretty rough weather pattern with cold winds and really not enough rain. The young plants really do take a chance if they show their heads outside.

News from the Diocese is, however, more encouraging in that providing the current trend continues, May 17th will see some easing of restrictions and June 21st could see most restrictions removed. It will be great to sing hymns again and not need to socially distance, (although we will still need considerable caution in the ways we meet).

Over the past four months we have enjoyed sharing our worship with Castle Methodist Church, and we all hope that this relationship will continue once Castle re-opens at Pentecost. Please continue to support any joint services and other functions that may be arranged.

Both of this Sunday's appointed readings bring great joy to us all. In the epistle from Acts Ch 10, Peter extols Christian baptism for all who believe, and in the Gospel from John Ch 15, Jesus refers to his followers as friends, and as chosen people. Jesus gives us the commandment, 'That we love one another as he has loved us' What a real comfort that is to us all.

This Sunday, Ven. Michael Fox will lead a Communion service. We hope you can join us at 10.30 am. Whilst we understand that there will be roadworks in the St Botolph's Street area, we are told that access will be available to the Church, (possibly a reverse flow in Priory Street).

If you would like to meet for worship in the evening on Ascension Day, please let the David know.

Sadly, Denis H died on Wednesday following a fall and stay in hospital.

Castle Methodist Church online worship is at <https://www.youtube.com/Colchestermethodists>
Do remember that we can log into the on-line worship at Christ Church. A range of options are available please have a look at Colchester Christ Church Facebook page.

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter.

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. Amen