



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

13th June 2021

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

Last week Bishop Guli wrote to MPs in Essex and East London calling on them to oppose cuts to the UK's International Aid Budget and to encourage the UK Government to use its influence to persuade the leaders of the G7 nations to take the decisions needed for global vaccine equity to become a reality. In the letter, Bishop Guli encouraged backing for a parliamentary amendment tabled by the Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP which, if successful would have obliged the Government to meet a legal commitment to spend 0.7% of Gross National Income on International Aid. The amendment, which had secured widespread, cross party support, was expected to be voted upon today. The House of Commons Speaker has this afternoon ruled the amendment out of scope. However, he has called on the Government to give time for an emergency debate on the issue tomorrow. The G7 leaders will meet in Cornwall later this week and it is hoped that global vaccination equity will be a priority agenda item.

Those of us who are interested in our Priory may like to know that following a drawn-out faculty application, the museum service have installed a new interpretation panel, on the brick wall, adjacent to the Church, which gives information about three important Colchester residents that are buried here. They are, Jesse Jones, a veteran soldier of the Peninsular War, the Battle of Barrosa, finally being wounded at the Battle of Waterloo. Dr Roger Nunn, the first doctor to work at the Essex and Colchester Hospital, (later it became the Essex County Hospital), and William Warwick Hawkins, a leading figure in the attempt to develop rail links between Colchester and Clacton and Colchester and Sudbury, later to become MP for Colchester, the Hawkins family being great benefactors to our Church. To learn more, do have a look and find out more, when you next visit the Church.

To join Castle Methodist Sunday service, you will need to search YouTube for Castle Methodist Church, finding the one with the stained glass in the circle and the service can be found live a few minutes before 10.30 am each Sunday and at any time after then.

A range of options are available please have a look at Colchester Christ Church Facebook page.

Collect for the 2nd Sunday after Trinity.

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.