



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

11th July 2021

6th Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

The Epistle from Ephesians chapter 1 vv 3 – 14, set for this Sunday informs us that we are adopted as God's children through Jesus Christ, we are God's own people and blessed by him in our tasks. Also, the Gospel from Mark chapter 6 vv 14 – 29 is a warning that we too could get things wrong as Herod did if we do not hear the word sent by God. We are therefore in a very privileged position, and with that privileged position come a responsibility for us to ensure that we do not let God down.

As we proceed to the next stage in recovery from lockdown, we expect to be given guidance on what we can do through the Diocese, However, there will be some of us who, due to underlying health conditions, will become very worried if we throw caution to the wind. Please be assured that your PCC will, when in possession of the facts, make a calculated judgment on how we move forward at St Botolph's.

Thursday's BBC Thought for the Day, apart from observing the success of the England football team, was looking at 'where we go from now', and the speaker used the phrase, 'We should embrace the future with resilience and positivity', an excellent encouragement to us all.

The service at St Botolph's at 10. 30 this Sunday will be Communion led by Ven. Michael Fox. Next week our Morning Prayer will be led by Canon Paul Norrington.

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 at Christchurch, please have a look at Colchester Christ Church Facebook page.

Collect for the 6th Sunday after Trinity.

**Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things
and above all things, may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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**