



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

27th June 2021

4th Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

This week, our new Parochial Church Council met for the first time, a very warm welcome to the new or returning members. One of the topics of discussion was stewarding of outside functions such as Orchestral Concerts, which this week are starting up again after a 16-month lockdown. If you are interested in helping with the stewarding please do get in touch, and if your interest is in attending concerts, we can assure you that measures will remain in place to ensure social distancing and compliance with any government regulations that are in place at the time of any function.

Sunday worship in Church, with our socially distanced seating, continues to flourish as we are led by a group of dedicated Ordained and Lay leaders, with our worship, supported by music, however not currently sung by the congregation. This Sunday our communion service will be led by Ven. Michael Fox, whilst next week, 4th July, Morning Worship will be led by Michael Foster, a particularly good friend of St. Botolph's. From the Psalm appointed for this Sunday we find the following encouragement.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name.
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.
Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Whilst we of course cannot sing at present, what a joy it is to have such encouragement.

In the Welcome area at Church, there are a couple of copies of 'HOPE' a magazine published by Good News, (formerly known as Gideons UK) they are intended to bring comfort, reassurance and strength at this difficult time. Please do feel free to borrow one, and if you would like one to keep at home, we can obtain further copies.

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 3rd Sunday after Trinity.

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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.**