



# St Botolph's Church, Colchester

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Dear Friends,**

When this Newsletter was commenced, we were uncertain as to when we would be advised to re-open the Church for worship, but very recently, we have received confirmation from Bishop Roger that providing we are able to meet the distancing and safety criteria, we are encouraged to open for worship. Whilst the Church must be cleaned and personal safety protected, we feel that we should be able to open on March 7<sup>th</sup> for a service of Morning Prayer, otherwise on 14<sup>th</sup> March for Mothering Sunday. (TBA)

One of our congregation has asked us to let you know that there is a SCAM going around, You may be contacted by the Royal Mail, telling you that they have tried to deliver a package. The scammer asks for a payment for the re-delivery, which of course the Royal Mail does not do unless there is an underpayment, and the standard policy is to leave a card asking you to contact them, in respect of re-delivery. DO NOT GET CAUGHT

This week, we include another short linked reading and bible passages from a booklet 'Tranquil Moments' by Naomi Corke published in 1975. Today's is linked to Galatians 3. v. 6 and also links to this Sunday's OT reading from Genesis ch. 17. **Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**

Belief in people is most important if we are to have happy relationships. This would apply not only in individual life but also in national life, without belief in one another the whole structure of society would be liable to fall apart. How tremendously more important is this so in spiritual life. God sets great importance by belief in Him, in fact is not the whole basis of spiritual life or death centered in our belief or non-belief in God's word of salvation? Abraham believed God's promise and we are told 'it was accounted to him for righteousness'. How happy we shall be if we believe God's word and all His precious promises.

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](#)

Castle Methodist Church online worship is at <https://www.youtube.com/Colchestermethodists>

***Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent.***

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.