



St Botolph's Church,

Colchester

11th April 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

We hope that you were able to enjoy Easter, possibly with a broadcast service or a webcast or perhaps, like some of us, to worship socially distanced at Church. We also hope that you were able to meet someone close to you.

Quoting from Bishop Roger's Easter message.

"The lockdown that happened a year ago has left many of us frozen in time. Meetings, events, and holidays have been cancelled. Millions of people have been furloughed, children have hardly been seen or heard and life for many of us has been put on hold.

"Now, as restrictions are gradually lifted, we emerge from our confinement, squinting in the springtime sun as we set about the work of rebuilding and restoring a sense of normality." He

added: "We can always only go forward. That is how we see the Christian faith. We are not on a journey back to Eden. We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth."

Our Red Bucket collection on Easter Day raised £138.25 (including gift aid) in support of the valuable work done by Beacon House, thank you all for your contributions.

The Funeral of Pauline T will take place on Thursday 22nd April, and whilst only invited friends may attend the service, you are invited to view the service live on the Obitus webinar. The log in details are available upon request.

STOP PRESS. Due to the continued restriction to meetings (other than services) we have changed the date of our Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM). **It will now follow worship on Sunday 30th May**

Our Communion service this Sunday will be led by Ven. Michael Fox, we will continue our celebration of Easter. You are welcome to join us at 10.30am.

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

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](#)

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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