



From CREATION to CHRISTMAS
Roving Advent Calendar
1st December - 24th December

WE HOPE you enjoy following our Advent Window trail. The trail follows God's story from the creation of the world to Christmas, when God became man and lived among us.
Each window will be unveiled at 6pm and will be lit each evening until at least 1st January 2021.
There are a couple of days when two windows will share the same theme.

We are excited to launch our very first **Advent Window Trail** featuring windows decorated by members of our church family around Barton Seagrave and further afield. We know that Christmas is definitely not cancelled this year and we want to encourage our friends and neighbours with something that tells of the hope that Jesus brings, not just at Christmas but on every day throughout the year.

Christmas is a wonderful celebration of God's incarnation, when Jesus became a baby and chose to live amongst us; Immanuel, God with us!

We hope that the theme of the windows will point people to God's big picture; that since the beginning of time God had an incredible plan to save us from the punishment that we deserve and lift us to heaven through his amazing grace!

A guide to where each window will be and a Bible verse to illustrate the theme of the window will be available to download from our website. (www.StBots.org.uk/Christmas-2020) then select "**Roving Advent Calendar**" There will also be some printed copies available outside Church House, which is also where the first window was found on **1st December**.

A new window will be lit from 6pm each day until 24th December when the trail will finish at St Botolph's church on Christmas Eve.

It's up to you whether you go out to see each window as it is unveiled day by day or wait a few days and visit several in one go.



Christingle
20th December - 4pm & 5.30pm

Christingle Service Sunday 20th December 4pm & 5.30pm

Bring along the whole family and join us in church for a Christmas Christingle service at either 4pm or 5.30pm.

In order to keep numbers at a safe level, online booking will be required in advance. Full booking details become live from

6am on Monday 7th December at ;

www.stbots.org.uk/christmas-2020



St Botolph's Church Family News

6th December 2020

The Second Sunday in Advent



Christmas Hope

Christmas is NOT cancelled!



See what's going on...

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Collect for The Second Sunday in Advent

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Message from Mark

Are people putting up Christmas decorations earlier this year? Christmas lights seem to be sprouting from every house. I'm sure it won't be long before Barton Seagrave will be visible from space! I suppose after a grey year we want a little light, don't we? I was delighted at the weekend to hear that the government are going to allow us to sing carols this Christmas. They offer light and hope like nothing else. Even those who never go near a church know and love singing carols at Christmas time. May God brighten your life this Christmas with decorations, carols or, best of all, the coming of a saviour. God bless you.

Church Mission Society (CMS) is hosting a virtual **Event of Thanksgiving** for St Bots Mission Partners **Derek and Jane Waller on Thursday 10th December from 4:30pm to 5:30pm** and they'd love the congregation to join them. Their aim is to gather together all of Derek and Jane's supporting churches and individuals to say a big thank you to them and pray for them together as they end their service with CMS after so many years. It will be run on Zoom. The link for this event is here –

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/derek-and-janes-event-of-thanksgiving-tickets-128745682803

Once you have signed up you will be sent log-in details for the Zoom meeting.

Nativity in the Garden

13th December 4pm, 5pm & 6pm



Come along to Church House Gardens at either **4pm, 5pm or 6pm on Sunday 13th December**, and enjoy watching and listening to the nativity story. This is a free event. However, in order to keep numbers at a safe level, online booking is required in advance. Booking details for all events are available at www.stbots.org.uk/christmas-2020
Tickets now only available for 6pm showing

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(Opening Hours Mon - Thursday)

What's happening next week?

• Sunday 6th December

9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)
11.00am Morning Service (Warkton Church all welcome)
6.30pm Evening Prayer (in Church)

• Monday 7th December

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
9.30am Refresh (via Zoom)
1:00pm Staff meeting

• Tuesday 8th December

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
8.00pm Link (via Zoom)

• Wednesday 9th December

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
9.30am Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)
10-12noon Private Prayer (in Church)

• Thursday 10th December

8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
10.00am Staff meeting
4.30pm CMS Thanksgiving (via Zoom)
7.30pm 1Eighty (via Zoom)

• Friday 11th December

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

Christmas is NOT cancelled!

Please keep checking the **Christmas Page** of our website

www.stbots.org.uk/christmas-2020 for more details of all our events and the most up to date plans.

Some highlights to look out for...

Roving Advent Calendar

each day of advent a different window in the area will be decorated and lit up telling the Christmas story. Can you find them all?

Nativity/Carols In the Garden

13th Dec 4.00pm, 5.00pm & 6.00pm in Church House Garden (booking required)

Christingle

20th Dec 4.00pm & 5:30pm in St Botolph's Church (booking required)

Christmas Eve Service

24th Dec 5pm (on our YouTube channel)

Midnight Prayer Service at St Edmunds Warkton

24th Dec 11:30pm (booking required)

Christmas Day Service

25th Dec 10.00am (on our YouTube channel)

(Remember this programme is subject to change)