



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.

What's happening next week?

• **Sunday 13th December**

- 9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)
- 11.00am Morning Service (Warkton Church all welcome)
- 4.00pm Nativity in the Garden
- 5.00pm Nativity in the Garden
- 6.00pm Nativity in the Garden

• **Monday 14th December**

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

• **Tuesday 15th December**

- 8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

• **Wednesday 16th December**



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

• **Thursday 17th December**

- 8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
- 10.00am Staff meeting
- 7.30pm 1Eighty (in the Marquee)

• **Friday 18th December**

- 8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)





St Botolph's Church Family News

13th December 2020 The Third Sunday in Advent



Christmas Hope

Christmas is NOT cancelled!



See what's going on...

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Collect for The Third Sunday in Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Message from Mark

Christmas is just around the corner, need I remind you? It may not be the Christmas we would have hoped for, and we may need to forfeit seeing friends and relatives. It is, though, still Christmas, the greatest of all celebrations. God became a human being and lived in this broken world. He experienced sickness, opposition, brokenness and, ultimately, death. He knows what being human is like. He knows what being you is like. And he's coming again to put it all right. Thank God for Christmas. Without it life would be bleak indeed!

QUIZ – How well do you know your Bible

1. What is the last word in the Old Testament?
2. By which previous name was Paul of Tarsus known as?
3. Whose wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she looked back?
4. In the bible, who is said to have lived on a diet of locusts and wild honey?
5. How many years did Noah live for after the flood?
6. There are only three angels named in the bible, Michael and Lucifer are two, name the other?
7. The book of Esther is unique because it does not mention which word?
8. The Bible was written in three languages - Hebrew, Koine Greek and which other language?
9. Who made the first translation of the Bible into English in 1382?
10. Name the longest book of the Bible with 150 chapters?
11. In what city was Jesus born?
12. Who took the place of Judas in the twelve disciples?
13. Who was the older brother of Moses?
14. What kind of wood was Noah's ark built from?
15. Who, following Moses' death, became the leader of the children of Israel?

Answers next week

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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. **Fully Booked**



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.

Fully booked.



Christmas Eve Service (YouTube Livestream)

24th December 5pm

Tune in to the St Bot's livestream

[YouTube channel](#)

at **5pm on Christmas Eve** for a traditional service of carols, readings and a Christmas message.



Midnight Prayer Service at St Edmund's Church Warkton - 24th December 11.30pm

Join us at St Edmund's Church in Warkton as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

In order to keep numbers at a safe level, online booking is required and will be available from 6am on 17th Dec at - www.stbots.org.uk/christmas-2020



Christmas Day Services 25th December

Join us At 8am in Church for Morning Prayer - booking is required and tickets will be available from 6am on 17th Dec at

www.stbots.org.uk/Christmas-2020

At 10am Gather everyone together and tune in to our online Christmas Day Celebration! The service will be available on the [St Bot's YouTube Channel](#)