



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 20th December**
9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)
11.00am Morning Service (St Edmund's Church. Warkton all welcome)
4.00pm Christingle (in Church)
5.30pm Christingle (in Church)
- **Monday 21st December**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
1.00pm Staff meeting
- **Tuesday 22nd December**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

- **Wednesday 23rd December**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
10 - 12noon Private Prayer (in church)
- **Thursday 24th December**
8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
10.00am Staff meeting
5.00pm Christmas Eve Service (on YouTube)
11.30pm Midnight Prayer Service (at St Edmund's, Warkton)
- **Friday 25th December**
8.00am Morning Prayer (in Church)
10.00am Christmas Day (on YouTube)

St Botolph's Church
Family News

20th December 2020
The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Christmas
Hope

Christmas is NOT cancelled!

See what's going on...
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Collect for The Fourth Sunday in Advent

O LORD, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Message from Mark

Well. It was wet, cold and muddy, but we had a brilliant time! I'm talking about Nativity in the Garden, of course. Fewer people turned up than those who had booked, those who stayed home missed out. What a joy to sing carols together and to remind ourselves of the ageless story of Christmas with the help of a living nativity tableaux. Magical.

This was the first of many Christmas events this year, so perhaps we'll see you at some of them. If you can't make it out, then you can see most of them on our YouTube channel. There's a link to it from the website (stbots.org.uk) so it should be easy to find.

Have a great, if unusual, Christmas.

Answers to the QUIZ – How well do you know your Bible

- 1 What is the last word in the Old Testament? - **Curse**
- 2 By which previous name was Paul of Tarsus known as? - **Saul**
- 3 Whose wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she looked back? - **Lot's**
- 4 In the bible, who is said to have lived on a diet of locusts and wild honey? - **John the Baptist**
- 5 How many years did Noah live for after the flood? - **350 years**
- 6 There are only three angels named in the bible, Michael and Lucifer are two, name the other? - **Gabriel**
- 7 The book of Esther is unique because it does not mention which word? - **The word 'God'**
- 8 The Bible was written in three languages - Hebrew, Koine Greek and which other language? **Aramaic**
- 9 Who made the first translation of the Bible into English in 1382? - **John Wycliffe**
- 10 Name the longest book of the Bible with 150 chapters? - **Psalms**
- 11 In what city was Jesus born? - **Bethlehem**
- 12 Who took the place of Judas in the twelve disciples? - **Matthias**
- 13 Who was the older brother of Moses? - **Aaron**
- 14 What kind of wood was Noah's ark built from? - **Gopher wood**
- 15 Who, following Moses' death, became the leader of the children of Israel? - **Joshua**

Share the Hope of Christmas

Do you know of a friend, neighbour, relative or work colleague who isn't going to be able to get to a church service this Christmas or who can't access any of the online content. or someone who you want to share the **Hope of Christmas** with? If so then come and pick up a free 'Carol Service on a CD' to give them to listen to. Available from the box by **Church House front door.**



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](#)

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