

Recommended daily Bible readings from Helen & Darren Laughton - We would like to encourage our church family as we have been encouraged in our daily bible readings during Lockdown and as you probably know Darren is a new believer in Jesus Christ. We continue to pray daily and thank all God's people who work hard to serve Him in creative ways through the Internet at St Botolphs Church bringing God's word to us daily, however, some people may struggle to access technology, so we recommend two super books **Reading Between The Lines** written by Glen Scrivener - **Old Testament and New Testament Daily readings**. You can purchase both of them from **10ofthose.com**. @ £24.99 or individually at £14.99 each. We have both been very blessed by reading them.

Churches together CT in Kettering & District

Forthcoming opportunities for prayer. As part of the week of prayer for Christian unity, **'Abiding in Christ' from 19-25 January**, the **Kettering Group for Churches Together** are hosting a **Day of Prayer on Tuesday 19th January**. This will consist of an opportunity to corporate prayer (over zoom) at the following times, 30 minutes each:

The zoom details are as follows:

10.30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81458923599?pwd=K1FWcW5MQTNnbzFrbkhXZTZKUEJKUT09>

Meeting ID:814 5892 3599 - Passcode: 786598

1.30pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86863803568?pwd=S0JyV29VWDZMOEVGOHoxdW1oWnJxUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 6380 3568 - Passcode: 3h8RnY

4.30pm:

<https://zoom.us/j/99347752866?pwd=ZGFJcnZpT1pKamVWNURDOW1GbURaUT09>

Meeting ID: 993 4775 2866 - Passcode: TSAPRAYER

7.30pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86892628811?pwd=R2VsS3pwTEVsZzB1V1UxNG0rWEEx3QT09>

Meeting ID: 868 9262 8811 - Passcode: 695520



St Botolph's
Church Family News
The Second Sunday of Epiphany
17th January 2021



I hope you have all enjoyed Christmas and New Year in some way.

We were all so grateful that this Christmas we were able to have some 'in-person' services at St Botolph's and St Edmund's alongside our online services and even able to sing carols outdoors!

With the good news of the vaccine rollout underway we eagerly look forward to the day when our services will be able to return to a more familiar format. We are assured by Boris that the newly authorised Oxford vaccine has brought that day somewhat closer. Let's hope and pray that is true.

For now, however, we are urged to be patient. Tier 4 restrictions and news of increased transmissibility plus the recent Government Lockdown announcement are not what we had hoped for as we enter 2021.

Although the tier 4 rules and subsequent Lockdown do allow us to continue to worship collectively in Church, the news that tier 4 is unlikely to be sufficient to contain the new variant of COVID-19 lead me to consider it not to be advisable, at least for now. So there won't be any services 'in person' either at St.Botolph's or St.Edmund's until further notice. Private prayer on Wednesday's at St Botolph's will also be suspended. This is difficult news but we must prioritise our responsibility to one another and to our community.

"Just because we can, doesn't mean we should"

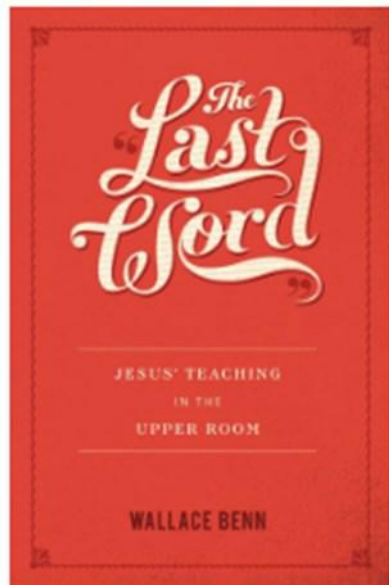
In the meantime, online services continue as usual and we will be reviewing the situation regularly. Let us all pray for a swift end to this pandemic.

We will meet again, we just don't know when!

May God bless us all in 2021,
Your friend and Rector,
Mark

Collect - The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Wallace Benn's book "The Last Word" covers the teaching of Jesus from John 13- 17 and would make a great accompaniment to Home Group Bible Studies this term

"Simply but faithfully explained; warmly but carefully applied; Wallace's book based on Jesus' farewell teaching in John's gospel is devotional reading at its best, tasty food for the soul and enriching nourishment for the heart."

Adrian Reynolds

Available from Christian Focus Publications £5.99

What's happening next week?

• Sunday 17th January

9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)

• Monday 18th January

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

9.30am Refresh (via Zoom)

1:00pm Staff meeting

• Tuesday 19th January

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

• Wednesday 20th January

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

9.30am Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)

8:00pm Link (via Zoom)

• Thursday 21st January

8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

10:00am Staff Meeting

7:30pm 1Eighty (via Zoom)

• Friday 22nd January

• Saturday 23rd January

• Sunday 24th January

9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)

St Botolph's
Church

GIRLS NIGHT IN



A FRIENDLY EVENING OF CHAT AND
ENCOURAGEMENT FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

29TH JANUARY 2021
8PM

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