



**Discoverers** (School Year 4 - 6)  
**Explorers** (School Year 1 - 3)  
**Finders** (3 years - Reception)  
**Beginners** (0 - 3 years)

**Promise Land**

Sunday mornings during the 9.15am service Church House

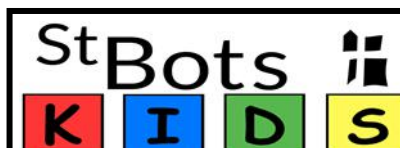
St Botolph's Church

**Promise Land – Zoom Sessions**

Each week we meet together via Zoom to chat, play games and learn something from the Bible. We meet on Wednesdays at 4:45pm and/or Sundays at 9:45am. Each session lasts for 45 minutes. The sessions are open to all children in school years 1-6 – we would love to see you! Get in touch for Zoom details – [Helen@stbots.church](mailto:Helen@stbots.church) or 07973 164020



**St Botolph's Church Family News**  
**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
**24th January 2021**



**Make and Play – Sessions on YouTube**

All of those who have faithfully given their time to help at our weekly sessions for pre-school children will tell you how much we have missed seeing the little ones (and their grown-ups) over the last ten months. We can't wait to get back to Make and Play and we know that there'll be a few more babies to add to the numbers when we return!

During the various lockdown periods, I have recorded some Make and Play sessions which you can find on our YouTube channel. They are each about 15 minutes long; I sing a few nursery rhymes and church favourites like 'Our God is a Great Big God!' and there is a very short story from the Bible. Perhaps your children or grandchildren would enjoy singing along?

You can find the sessions by going to:

**Films.stbots.church - Choose the Videos tab and search for Make and Play**

**Collect - The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

**1eighty is a group for young people (Yrs 7-9)** - 1eighty is open to anyone. Whether you would call yourself a Christian or are just wanting to explore what it is Christians believe. Come along and join us we would love to see you! *(Please make sure you [fill in a members form](#) before you come for the first time)*

Meeting Times - **Thursdays**: We meet over Zoom from 7:30-9pm

For more details email - [andy@stbots.church](mailto:andy@stbots.church)

**Message from Mark**

So, Trump out, Biden in. Politics is a strange business run by PR gurus, statisticians, strategists and speech writers. It seems to me that it's all about obtaining and retaining power rather than making a real difference. Trump claimed to be a Christian in order to win Republican votes. His life failed to support his claim. Biden is a Roman Catholic, but his ethical stands on sexuality and abortion are contrary to this. However, he needs Democrat votes, and that means convictions need to go. I wish politicians had more conviction and spent less time looking over their shoulders. The Bible tells us, "it is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man." (Psalm 118v8). Never has a truer word been written!

**LINK is a group for young people (Yrs 10-13)** - LINK is open to anyone. Whether you would call yourself a Christian or are just wanting to explore what it is Christians believe. Come along and join us we would love to see you! *(Please make sure you [fill in a members form](#) before you come for the first time)*

Meeting Times - **Wednesdays**: We meet over Zoom from 8-9.30pm

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# GIRLS NIGHT IN



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

29TH JANUARY 2021  
8 PM

EMAIL [JULIE@STBOTS.CHURCH](mailto:julie@stbots.church) OR  
[HELEN@STBOTS.CHURCH](mailto:helen@stbots.church) FOR YOUR  
INVITE TO OUR ONLINE ZOOM EVENT

## What's happening next week?

### • Sunday 24th January

9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)

### • Monday 25th January

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

9.30am Refresh (via Zoom)

1:00pm Staff meeting

### • Tuesday 26th January

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

### • Wednesday 27th January

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

9.30am Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)

8:00pm Link (via Zoom)

### • Thursday 28th January

8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

10:00am Staff Meeting

7:30pm 1Eighty (via Zoom)

### • Friday 29th January

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

### • Saturday 30th January

### • Sunday 31st January

9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)

**SharePlan 2021** - Organising things like our annual SharePlan project is difficult in the present circumstances, but we really mustn't let SharePlan 2021 suffer because of Covid 19. So we ask you to open and respond to the leaflet about this year's scheme which can be found at [St Botolph's Church | SharePlan 2021 \(stbots.org.uk\)](http://StBotolph'sChurch|SharePlan2021(stbots.org.uk)) web site.

SharePlan is an annual scheme whereby individuals can, if they so wish, contribute towards a financial gift to one of our Link Workers. The intention is that this is a love-gift to the Link Worker personally (rather than their sponsoring organisation), for them to use as they see fit, to help with either their domestic lives or their ministry. It is a tangible way of saying to them, "We are right behind you in your work."

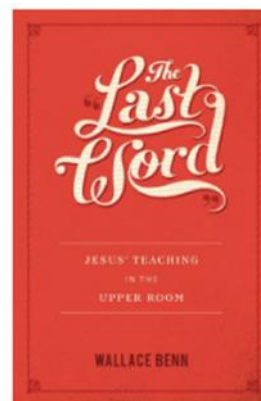
**SharePlan 2020, which has just concluded, has enabled us to send over £2000 to our Link Worker in South Africa, An amazing total! Very many thanks to all those of you who participated.**

SharePlan works by individuals committing themselves to "purchasing" one or more "shares", each share being £1 per month for one year. After that, the commitment ceases unless the individual wishes to renew it for the following year. Each year the gift is sent to one or other of our Link Workers, in rotation

**SharePlan contributions in 2021 are designated for our Link Workers in Israel.**

I warmly recommend this to your consideration.

Every blessing Derek Wade



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

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