



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

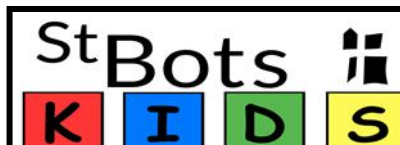
Each week we meet together via Zoom to chat, play games and learn something from the Bible. We meet on Wednesdays at 4:45pm and/or Sundays at 9:45am. Each session lasts for 45 minutes. The sessions are open to all children in school years 1-6 – we would love to see you! Get in touch for Zoom details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



St Botolph's Church Family News
The Second Sunday before Lent
7th February 2021

Collect - The Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.



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

Message from Mark

The Archbishop of Canterbury has this week called the nation to prayer. He has asked that we pray at six o'clock each day throughout February. It is an excellent suggestion; I'm only sad it hasn't come sooner. In calling everyone, without exception, to pray, Christian or not, the archbishops is recognising that God is the God of the whole world not simply those who acknowledge Him. Psalm 24 reminds us, 'The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof.' Let's take this opportunity to follow his suggestion, and set aside a couple of minutes at six o'clock each evening to pray. God will hear and answer

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

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

For more details email - andy@stbots.church



Sunday Service Online every Sunday from 9.15am
 Morning Prayer every weekday at 8am

Watch Now



Lent this year begins on 17th February, how time flies! So, starting on **Sunday 21st February** we will be running our Lent Course, **"Discipleship Explored."**

The course will run on Zoom (details available from the Church Office) throughout Lent on Sunday evenings at 6.30. It is based around Paul's most joyful letter, that to the Philippians. There will be some input in each session and a time for discussion. Please do come along, no need to book, just turn up.

Recommendation from Andy

'In the Sermon last Sunday 31st January, we were thinking about the Second commandment which was all to do with Idolatry. If you fancy thinking about this a bit more and how it impacts on our lives our thinking and the world around us, can I much recommend this paper written by Mike Ovey (former principal of Oak Hill Theological College). It's really worth giving a bit of time to have a read.... Andy'

<https://www.jubilee-centre.org/cambridge-papers/idolatry-and-spiritual-parody>

Forthcoming changes in Church Office support -Just to let our church family know that Paul will be retiring as our Church Administrator and Marks PA at Easter. Paul has done a fantastic job over the past few years and we will miss him very much. Please pray for Mark and the team as we seek to find someone to take over from Paul in the coming months.

What's happening next week?

• Sunday 7th February

9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)

• Monday 8th February

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

9.30am Refresh (via Zoom)

1:00pm Staff meeting

• Tuesday 9th February

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

• Wednesday 10th February

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

9.30am Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)

8:00pm Link (via Zoom)

• Thursday 11th February

8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

10:00am Staff Meeting

7:30pm 1Eighty (via Zoom)

• Friday 12th February

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

• Saturday 13th February

• Sunday 14th February

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.org.uk/SharePlan2021) 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."

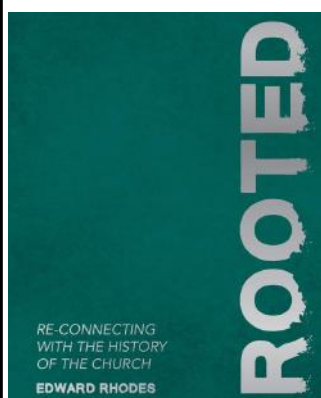
SharePlan 2020, which has just concluded, has enabled us to send over £2000 to our Link Worker in South Africa, An amazing total! Very many thanks to all those of you who participated.

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



Recommended reading by Andy Clark

'Being rooted in the past helps us to stand strong in the present.' There is something intriguing about the lives of those who have gone before us. We wonder what they thought, how they lived, what they cared about and maybe even what advice they would offer us today.

In this introduction to church history, you'll discover answers to those questions and more as historian Edward Rhodes chronicles church history from the early church up to the recent past.

Edward argues that knowing more about our Christian ancestors helps us to make sense of our own story and place in history. Be challenged as you consider how lessons from the past can apply to us today with the help of application points and study

questions at the end of each chapter. **Go to 10ofthose.com web site to order @ £2.99 each.**

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