

**St Botolph's & St Edmund's
Church Family News
The First Sunday Of Advent
1st December 2024**

Collect - The First Sunday Of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Church Services Sunday 1st December 2024

St Botolph's Church Barton Seagrave

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Morning Prayer - and Live Stream on YouTube

6.30pm Evening Prayer (This service is no longer Live-streamed)

St Edmund's Church Warkton

12noon Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer (Please Use the Village Hall Car park in village.)



Due to personal circumstances for the next few weeks the production of the weekly issue of CFN, won't be available. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

Christmas at



St Edmund's Church, Warkton

Christingle Service - followed by festive refreshments & Village Christmas Tree switch on! *8th December 4:00 pm*

Carol Singalong - All ages invited, with interval refreshments
18th December 7:00pm

Traditional Carol Service by Candlelight
22nd December 4:00pm

Christmas Eve Holy Communion *24th December 9:00pm*

Christmas Day Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion
25th December 9:00am

**Joint Benefice Service
at St Botolph's Church,
Barton Seagrave**
29th December 10:00am



Christmas at St Botolph's Church

St Botolph's Road, Barton Seagrave

Carols on the Green 15th December 4:30pm

Nativity Service 22nd December 10am

Carol Service 22nd December 6pm

Christingle Service 24th December 4pm

Midnight Communion 24th December 11:30pm

Christmas Day Service 25th December 10am



Christingle Service



Sunday 8th December
at 4:00pm

St Edmund's
Church, Warkton

A heart-warming family service, followed by the switch on of the Village Christmas Tree and refreshments next door in Warkton Village Hall. Everyone is invited to this free event.

St Botolph's
Church

Family Nativity Service



Sunday 22nd December, 10:00am

St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a relaxed service for all the family. Nativity themed dress-up heartily encouraged!



Christingle Service

Tuesday 24th December at 4:00pm

St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave

*A family service filled with fun, music and a message of hope!
We welcome all to this free event.*



St Botolph's
Church



St Botolph's
Church

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22nd December at 6:00pm

St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave

All are warmly invited to join us for this free event -

A reflective service of Christmas carols and readings.



Home Groups Meet



Various Home Groups meet on the
2nd & 4th Tuesday each month.
So why not join us on
Tuesday 10th December at 8.00pm
in various locations.

(any questions please speak to David Scullion)



Men@St Bot's

Mens Ministry @ St Bots has started up again this Autumn with the following activities:

- Monday evening on 2nd December in Church House 7:30pm.

Any questions or further information please speak to Carl.

Carols On The Green

Sunday 15th December at 4:30pm
Barton Seagrave Village Green, St Botolph's Road

*A free event. Enjoy
carols, mulled wine and
mince pies alongside
festive readings,
Christmas message
and tableau.*

St Botolph's
Church
Good News for Barton Seagrave

Sunday 1st December 8.30am Holy Communion in Church 10.00am Morning Prayer in Church also Live Streamed 12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's 3.00pm Advent Service and Afternoon Tea 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Edmund's 6.30pm Evening Prayer in Church	Monday 2nd December 9.30am REFRESH 7.30pm Bell Ringers practice in Church beginners welcome
Tuesday 3rd December 9.30am St Bots Tots in Church House 7.30pm Church Meets in Church House	Wednesday 4th December 9.30am Ladies Home Group Meet 7.30pm LINK Christmas meal
Thursday 5th December 10.30am Coffee Shop in Church House 11.00am MidWeek Morning Prayer in Church 7.30pm 1Eighty Christmas meal	Friday 6th December
Saturday 7th December	Sunday 8th December 10.00am Morning Prayer in Church also Live Streamed 12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's 6.30pm Holy Communion in Church

Church Meets

Church Meets is an opportunity for the church family to meet to pray for each other, our community and the world. We meet in Church House on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. So why not join us this Tuesday 3rd December.

Church Meets **at 7.30pm**, (7.20 pm for chat) on Tuesday 3rd December in Church House. Often we struggle to know how to pray for issues in the news. Let's support each other as we pray through various news items together.

Church Meets starts promptly at 7.30pm.

ADVENT BOOK

ADVENT BOOK - a great way to get ready for Christmas!

Only £2 per copy - available from this Sunday (why not buy one for a friend?)



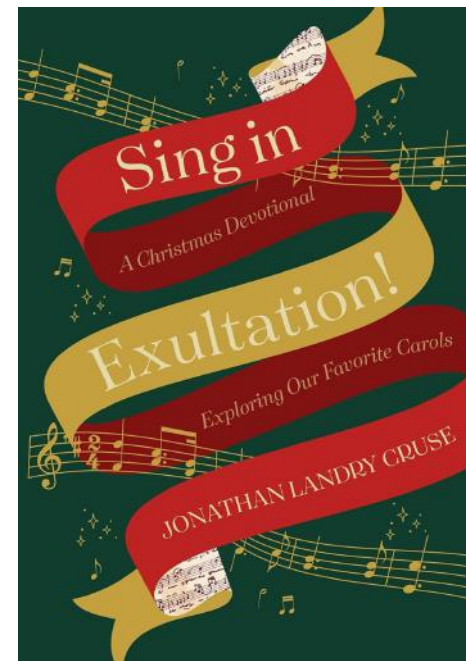
**TRANSFORM
EUROPE
NETWORK**

The Story Continues

TEN - Transform Europe Network will, next year, celebrate 60 years of working with Christian partners in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. To mark the occasion they will hold an Anniversary Celebration on the 29th March 2025 from 10.00am - 5.00pm in Bristol. Some of the European partners will be speaking and those attending will be able to learn about the wonderful things God is doing across Europe.

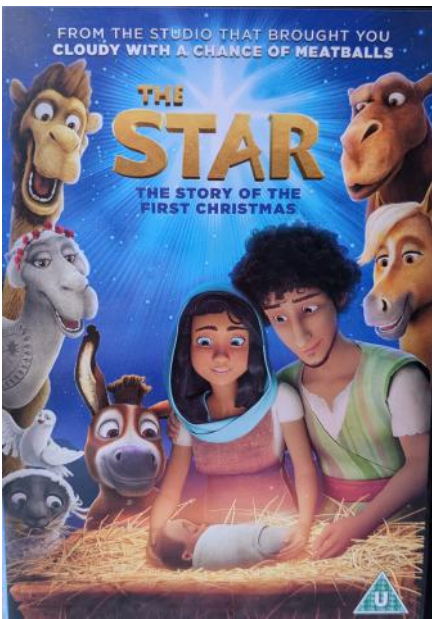
Early bird tickets for the event cost £20 until the end of the year - thereafter £25. To book tickets and learn more about the event please visit <https://ten-uk.org/conference25/>

Representatives from St. Botolph's will be attending so you would not be on your own!!



Carol singing is as indispensable to the festive season as decking the halls and swapping gifts. This little book contains 25 advent devotions, each unpacking a verse from a well-known carol, uncovering riches in the familiar words we love to sing each December.

Beginning with Scripture's first hint of Jesus' coming, and sweeping through to lyrics rejoicing in the hope of His return, these daily devotions not only give us a deeper appreciation for each carol, but a deeper appreciation for Christ this Christmas.



Film Night

Our annual showing of the DreamWorks film
'The Star'
 will be on Saturday 21st December at 3.30pm in
 Church House.

It's free to come along but please book places
 through the website so we know how many snacks
 we'll need. If you have special dietary requirements
 please just let me know separately.

A link to the booking page can be found on the home
 page of the St Bots website

St Bot's
SOUP & SANDWICH
Thursday 12th December
 In Church House 12noon - 1:30pm

St Botolph's Church

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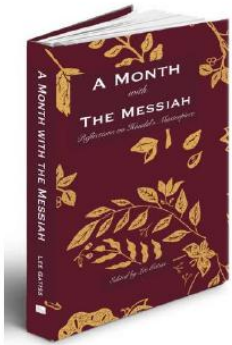
What's on at St Edmund's

St Edmund's Church Key Dates

As the winter months approach we need to be aware of the continuing increase in Covid and seasonal illness so can we all try to remember to sanitise our hands on entry to our buildings, this supports the vulnerable members in our congregation, equally please feel comfortable wearing a mask.

- 1st December is Advent Sunday, starting the four week period preparing for Christmas, as well as the beginning of the Church's year. To mark this season we will light our Advent Wreath at the 12 noon service of Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer.
- Thank you to all who have kindly donated to The St Edmund's Appeal, if you have not done so yet, please kindly pass your gift onto Michael Moore the Treasurer. Monies donated will go towards the purchase of some new altar cloths, our present ones are showing their age. We are very grateful for previous collections which have helped pay for the restoration of the surround of the Village War Memorial and benches in the churchyard.
- Please note our schedule of services and events for Advent and Christmas at St Edmund's and St Botolph's concluding with our joint Benefice Christmas Service on the 29th December and our own services on the 5th January 2025 at 12 noon and at 5:00 pm. These services and events are for all ages and everyone is welcome to attend, especially those new to our Parish and Benefice. Please read the flyers and notice boards for timings of events and services.
- The Christmas Coffee Morning with Carols will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 10:30-12 noon, with cakes and good company! Do come along to enjoy the hospitality in the Warren Room.
- The Christmas Carol Singalong is on Wednesday evening 18th December at 7:00 pm with requested carols and wise words from The Rector plus festive nibbles and drinks during the interval, do come along to enjoy a good sing accompanied by Graham Tilney on the organ!
- Please give generously to the Kettering Food Bank at this time. They are very grateful for our donations of festive food, baby needs and gifts including wrapping paper etc Which their clients can use for their loved ones to enable them to enjoy the festivities to the full. Larger items including unwanted toys, pieces of furniture, bikes, prams ect, can be donated to The Salvation Army who will collect and ensure they can be enjoyed by others. Their new departmental store in Northampton is impressive, all proceeds go towards their work and mission.

Enjoy the events and Services and remember " Jesus is the reason for the season "



A MONTH WITH THE MESSIAH

30 devotional readings, based on the text of Handel's *Messiah*.

Handel's Messiah has been a favourite for centuries, but the depth of its message invites deeper exploration.

This attractive hardback is edited by Lee Gatiss (Church Society) – and Robert Bashford is one of the 30 contributors.

This is a suitable Christmas gift for someone else or for your own enjoyment.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTED PRICE: £12.50 per copy.

Please sign the list in the church servery by **SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER.**

Payment when the books are collected.



St Botolph's Church
BARTON SEAGRAVE

invites you to a short traditional service of

Advent Praise & Worship

Sunday 1st December 2024 at 3pm
followed by afternoon tea in Church House

EVERYONE WELCOME!
Church Office 01536 414052

Mission Focus Please Pray For:

Dragan our mission Partner in Sarajevo says:

In our humanitarian work with Roma people, things are starting in a good way. We have already provided some schooling necessities for some 35 Primary school kids, yesterday my wife and 2 more ladies from the church purchased winter jackets and caps for them. The funds for that were provided by TEN through their winter program. Hopefully, already this Saturday we will meet the kids and their parents and give them these gifts. Also, we will "adopt" 20 of the poorest families in their community and try to provide for them monthly help of food, hygienic materials, and similar things throughout next 12 months, thanks to St Botolph's generosity. Also, we expect other sources for other kind of aid to our church which we are planning to channel to this particular Roma association. Eventually, I hope that we will be able to establish mutual trust and offer other type of help like additional classes for kids which have problems with different subjects, maybe some meetings with women in sense of emotional support and so on. My hope that, when the summer comes, we will be able to take some of them to our church camp and serve them there. Just to clarify, it is not our church camp, but our small denomination has a nice piece of land and couple of buildings close to one of the most beautiful lakes in Bosnia, really God's gift to us.



Carols at Kino Lounge!

Monday 16th December

6pm AND 7.30pm

Get in the Christmas Spirit

EVERYONE is very welcome to join in

rousing carols and fun

Christmas songs

KINO LOUNGE

STAYING TOGETHER

A Church Joint Event for Gentlemen & Ladies

 **YOU'RE INVITED** 

St Botolph's
Church

Fellowship Dinner

WITH GUEST SPEAKER


Saturday 15th February 2025
6:30pm for 7:15pm start

Harrowden Hall (Wellingborough Golf Club)

£27.50 to include main & dessert
(vegetarian option available)

£10 (non-refundable) deposit per person,
online via church website or in cash to Carl
or Liz Willis by 30th November.

SMART DRESS CODE




HOPE | EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST FUTURE
YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE?

St Botolph's, Church House
13, 20, 27 Jan 7:30-9pm

Sign up at stbots.org.uk or scan QR code



2-5 May 2025 Eastbourne

A Weekend Bible-teaching conference for the whole family!

Every year, during the early May bank holiday weekend, a large group from St Botolph's go to "Bible by the Beach" in Eastbourne. For 2025, the event takes place over the weekend of 2-5 May at the Congress Theatre in Eastbourne on the south coast. Why not join us?

WHAT IS THE COST AND WHERE DO WE STAY?

By getting together a group from St Bot's and taking advantage of the early-bird booking before 30 November 2024, we benefit from the lowest prices available:

- Adults £120
- Child £35
- Student £85

Note accommodation is not included in the above ticket prices

All adult bookings can be secured with a £40 deposit before the end of November with the balance payable by the end of February 2025. Child/Student tickets must be paid in full by the end of November.

Where you stay is entirely up to you! There are loads of hotels and guesthouses in Eastbourne as well as camping and caravan sites nearby.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE AND WHERE DO I BOOK?

- The BBTB website has loads of useful information: www.biblebythebeach.org
- **The BBTB group organiser for St Bot's is Graham Tilney. Send Graham an email (graham.tilney@gmail.com) if you have any questions and he'll be happy to help you. And if you would like to book your place, contact Graham before November 30th so you can be included in the St Bot's group booking.**