

This Christmas...

GOD IN A MANGER...



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 5 Dec 4pm Christingle, St Edmund's
- 12 Dec 4pm Carols on the Green
- 19 Dec 5pm Carol Service, St Edmund's
- 19 Dec 5pm & 7pm Carol Service, St Bots
- 24 Dec 4:30pm Christingle, St Bots
- 24 Dec 11:30pm Midnight Communion, St Bots
- 24 Dec 11:30pm Midnight Communion, St Edmund's
- 25 Dec 9am Christmas Celebration, St Edmund's
- 25 Dec 10am Christmas Celebration, St Bots
- 26 Dec 10am Morning Prayer, St Bots

Come and join us

St Botolph's Church Family News The Second Sunday of Advent 5th December 2021



Collect - The Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Christmas Message from our Rector - Mark

Advent. A time to look forward. But to what? We're facing a second 'Covid-Christmas' with apparently little hope of breaking free. Yet the message of Advent and Christmas is always one of hope. In fact, it's a message of certainty. First, we look forward to the birth of Jesus, God incarnate. God in a manger. Just consider that thought for a moment. The creator and sustainer of the universe lying in a feeding trough in the back-of-beyond. Emmanuel, God with us, in absolute humility. But during Advent we also remember that Jesus is coming again. Not this time as saviour of the world, but as judge of the world. And when you are standing before the judge your eternity will be determined by one question. What did you make of Jesus?



Sunday Church Services 5th December

St Botolph's Church Barton Seagrave

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Morning Service (note there will be no refreshments in Church House after this service today)
- 7.00pm Evening Prayer (refreshments will be served from 6:15pm in Church)

St Edmund's Church Warkton

- 4.00pm Christingle Service (Please use the Village Hall Car park in Warkton village.)

We will continue to Live-Stream our Sunday 10.00am and 7.00pm Services as appropriate from St Botolph's Church but please try to join us in Church on Sundays

Christmas Children's Choir



We're looking for Primary, Secondary school or 6th form aged singers to make a special choir for our St Botolph's Christingle service at 4.30pm on 24th Dec.

Are your child(ren)/teens interested?

They don't have to be amazing singers but must like singing!

The Choir would need to be free on the following dates for practices:

- **2.00pm-3.00pm Sunday 5th December**
- 9.00am-9.40am Sunday 12th December
- 3.40pm for final practice on the day (24th) before service starts.

All practices will be in CHURCH.

If interested please speak to or send a text to Kirsty Clark on 07909 511987.

Many thanks in advance!

MIDWEEK

Worship
MINISTRY

We continue our **MidWeek Ministry in Church during December on Thursday's at 11.00am**
Please join us at Soup & Sandwiches in Church House at 12noon after the Service.

Christingle Service

St Edmund's Church, Warkton Sunday 5th December at 4.00pm

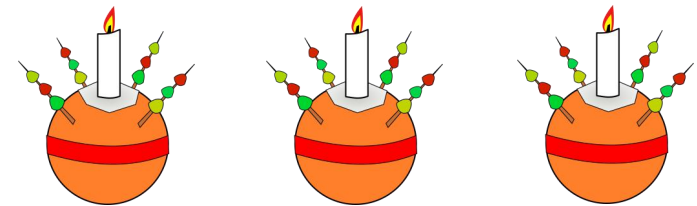
St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave 24th December at 4.30pm

During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Christingles are made using oranges and a few other bits, as you choose. You light the candle at the end of a service to spread a magical glow around everyone.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



Church Flower Arranging Rota

A new Flower Rota for next year is being compiled, so if anyone who is currently on the rota has any preferred dates for next year can they please let Chris Roughton have them..

Also if there is anybody else who would like to join our very friendly team, please phone or speak to Chris Roughton for more information, new people are always very welcome. Thank you.

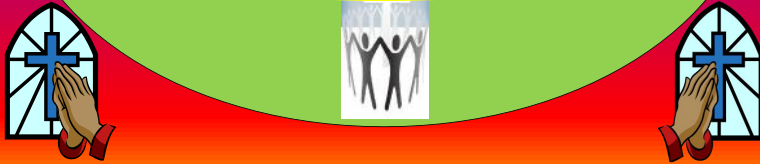
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CHURCH MEETS
TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER
8.00PM - 9.00PM via ZOOM

Join us as we gather together in prayer
and praise bringing our concerns and
thanks to our awesome God

(Zoom log-in details can be found on the St Bots Church WhatsApp Group)



HELP STILL WANTED Carols on the Green

Are you available on Sunday 12th December to help with Stewarding at the event or for general setting-up activities during the day. Also we're hoping for those people who are able to stay and help after our normal morning service at 10.00am to provide coffee and maybe bacon rolls so if you can help in this area, please let Heather know Tel: 01536 414052 Church Office or email

heatherknighton@stbots.church

Carols-on-the-Green



You are invited to join us on Sunday 12th December at 4.00pm for our Carols-on-the-Green Service. Why not invite friends and neighbour's as we start our Christmas celebrations. With mince pies.

Church House

Join us for
Soup & Sandwiches

Thursday 9th December
12.00 noon – 1.30pm



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(Opening Hours Mon - Thursday 10.00am - 2:30pm.)



Hello everyone, I'm sorry to mention 2022 at this point in 2021 but I'm beginning to plan ahead! I'd love to re-start 'Who Let the Dads Out' early next year (maybe February). We began this monthly session on a Saturday just before the pandemic hit so we never really got into our stride with it. It's a time for dads, grandads and other carers who are men to get together in Church House to talk, have some breakfast and spend time with their little ones.

The sessions would take place on a Saturday morning once a month for an hour and a half in Church House. I could really do with two or three dads or grandads who could help get this off the ground again;

I am very happy to help organise but it would be wonderful if it could be shared with some of those who would be involved. It's a great opportunity to spend some one-to-one time with your little ones and also to invite non-Christian mates along too. Message me directly if you think you might be interested. Thank you very much. Email Helen – Helen@stbots.church



Look out for more details in CFN later

Hope Explored



Hope Explored is an informal and relaxed three-week course and will start in the New Year. It's for everyone who wants to find hope, peace and purpose in life. It's run by ordinary Christian people local to you and is completely free. You don't need to know anything about the Bible, and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask questions as you like, or you can just sit and listen.

Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking, **Hope Explored** is a place for you to discover the hope of a future that is better than you could ever imagine.

Details will be available very soon in Church and CFN.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

A group of us are decorating the church this Christmas on Saturday 18th December at 9.00am to 11.00am and we would be great to see some new faces. If you're coming do you have any long lengths of holly and ivy the you could bring to help with the decorations if so that would be great. Please speak to Chris Roughton for if you want more details. Thank you.
Chris Roughton 07804013990/ 01536 721058



Scouts Christmas Post

The Local Scouts are offering their special Christmas postal service again for 2021.

The Scout Postbox is now located in Church House and will be there until Sunday 12th December. The Cost for this service is only 30p per Christmas card for local areas but please ensure you check to see the locations that the Scouts deliver to on the postbox .

Please put your cards and money together in the special Scout Christmas Post boxes located in Church House, and PLEASE write the delivery full address with postcode and any special instructions on the envelope clearly.

This service by the local Scout Group offers fantastic value for money compared to the ever-increasing prices of Royal Mail.

The Local Scout Groups will deliver your Christmas cards by Christmas Eve.



What's happening next week?

• Sunday 5th December

- 8.30am Holy Communion in Church
- 10.00am Morning Service in Church (Live-Streamed)
- 4.00pm Christingle Warkton
- 7.00pm Evening Prayer in Church (Live Streamed).

• Monday 6th December

- 8.00am Morning Prayer on YouTube
- 9.30am Refresh Church House
- 1.00pm Staff Meeting

• Tuesday 7th December

- 8.00am Morning Prayer on YouTube
- 9.30am St Bots Tots in Church House
- 8.00pm Church Meets

• Wednesday 8th December

- 8.00am Morning Prayer on YouTube
- 9.30am Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)
- 7.30pm LINK meal Church House

• Thursday 9th December

- 8.00am Morning Prayer on YouTube
- 11.00am Midweek Worship in Church
- 12.00am Soup & Sandwich Church House
- 7.00pm 1Eighty meal in Church House

• Friday 10th December

- 7.30pm Prayer for Israel

• Saturday 11th December

COME GRAB A CUPPA AND VISIT OUR...

BOOK, CAKE AND

Thank-You For Your Support

PLUS PRESENTS TO BE!
SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2-5 PM
CHURCH HOUSE
BARTON SEAGRAVE
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PASTORS

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed in making our Street Pastor sale a success. From providing items to sell, baking cakes, making donations, helping on the day or by coming along your support was invaluable.

We made an incredible £595.23! It costs around £100 per week to enable street pastors to operate and so this will really really help.

Thank you again Roz and Pippa