

**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

**Make and Play – Sessions on YouTube**

During the various lockdown periods, Helen has recorded some Make and Play sessions which you can find on our St Bots YouTube channel. They are each about 15 minutes long; Helen sings 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**

**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 in Church House from 7:30-9pm For more details email - [andy@stbots.church](mailto: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 in Church House from 8-9.30pm For more details email - [andy@stbots.church](mailto:andy@stbots.church)

**Refresh** is mainly for mums/mother-to-be/carers of pre-school or school aged (primary or secondary) children and we have a few others who join us too. Currently we are meeting each **Monday 9.30am** during term time in Church House for a cuppa, catch up, pastoral support, Bible study and prayer. Since lockdown and government rules are relaxed, we will be meeting in Church House garden in the marquee. If anyone would be interested in joining us, even if it's just whilst this lockdown continues, then please do drop me a text or email me.

**Kirsty Clark 07909 511987, [kirstyclark21@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kirstyclark21@hotmail.co.uk)**

I can fill you in on any other details and you would be more than welcome to join us - we'd love to see you!

**St Botolph's  
Church Family News  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
9th May 2021**

**Collect - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

**Message from Mark**

As we begin to emerge from our lockdown hibernation, I think the words of John Stott are apposite, "...the love of Christ is 'broad' enough to encompass all mankind ... 'long' enough to last for eternity, 'deep' enough to reach the most degraded sinner, and 'high' enough to exalt him to heaven.... The isolated Christian can indeed know something of the love of Jesus. But his grasp of it is bound to be limited by his limited experience. It needs the whole people of God to understand the whole love of God, all the saints together, Jews and Gentiles, men and women, young and old, black and white, with all their varied backgrounds and experiences." I am so looking forward to meeting again with God's people. I hope you are too.

Please join us this Sunday 9th May at 6.30pm as we continue our Evening Prayer Service's in St Botolph's Church (the service will also be Live Streamed via YouTube).

Also please join us on Thursday 13th May in Church at 7:30pm for our Ascension Day Service as we celebrate Jesus' ascension to heaven after he was resurrected on Easter Day. This service will also be Live-Streamed

Remember that social distancing will be in force in church and that face masks are to be worn whilst in church and this will be mandatory if you intend to come to the service.

**Please join us this Sunday 9th May at 11.00am for a joint outdoor Family Service at St Edmund's Church, Warkton open to all from St Botolph's Church and St Edmund's Church. Remember to bring a seat and a blanket if it's cold and your best signing voice. YES WE WILL BE ABLE TO SING**

**Please use the Village Hall Car park in Warkton village if you are coming this Sunday or you could even walk if it's a nice sunny day.**



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of St Botolph's Barton Seagrave NN15 6SR

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in **Church on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.**

**(Note subject to Government COVID Guidelines the intention is that the meeting will be held in person in Church and not as a virtual meeting on-line)**

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows –

- 1 To the **Deanery Synod 6 (six)** representatives.
- 2 To the **Parochial Church Council 9 (nine)** representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting or a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll as appropriate;
- (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 preceding the meeting;
- (d) the annual report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
- (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed **Mark Lucas** Dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Minister of the parish

## Notes

- 1 Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.
- 2 A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if –
  - (a) his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;
  - (b) he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);
  - (c) he or she is at least 16; and
  - (d) he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.
- 3 (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).
  - (2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).
  - (3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with [Rule 71\(2\)](#) of the Church Representation Rules).
  - (4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.
  - (5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.
- 4 A scheme is in operation in this parish which provides that any person entitled to vote in the elections of parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council or to the deanery synod or to both may apply on the appropriate form to the Minister of the parish (or other person signing below) for a postal vote. The completed form must be received before the commencement of the annual parochial church meeting.

## Notes

- 1 To be included in a year in which parochial representatives of the laity are to be elected to the Deanery Synod.
- 2 To be included in a year when a new Church Electoral Roll is prepared. Delete as applicable.
- 3 This paragraph should be deleted if no scheme for postal voting is in operation in the parish.
- 4 Or vice-chair of the parochial church council as the case may be (see [rule M19\(2\)](#) of the Church Representation Rules).

**St Botolph's  
Church**  
Good News for Barton Seagrave



**Morning Prayer Livestream**  
Weekday mornings at 8am

Join us Monday - Thursday for Morning Prayer

Click Here [StBots - YouTube](#)

#### Exciting Changes are taking place at St Botolph's Church during April & May

Paul Gosling will shortly be retiring after many years service as our excellent Church Administrator. We all wish him a well earned and happy retirement. The PCC are very pleased to announce that Heather Knighton has been appointed to the post of Church Administrator as Paul's replacement for St Botolph's Church & St Edmund's Church with effect 17th May 2021.

#### Church House Office Hours - Temporary change of Office Hours

With effect from week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April, Church Office will be monitored Monday to Wednesday from 10am to 2pm and not Thursdays as previously stated. You can still leave voicemail messages at 01536 414052 and email messages at [admin@stbots.church](mailto:admin@stbots.church) which will be regularly monitored.

Paul Administrator, St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave & St Edmund's Church, Warkton

#### KGH Prayer time

The Spiritual and Pastoral Care (chaplancy) team at KGH hold a fortnightly prayer Zoom session at **1.00pm-1.30pm on Tuesdays**. Our next one is on **Tuesday 4th May**. It is led by Jane Thurland and anyone associated with KGH is welcome. We meet to pray for the good of the hospital and to promote Christian Fellowship within the hospital. If you are interested to find out more please contact either Jane Thurland, Sheila Matthews or the Chaplancy team

# APCM

**Our APCM will be held in Church on Monday 24th May 2021 at 8.00pm. This years APCM report is now available to view or download from the St Botolph's web site at [www.stbots.org.uk](http://www.stbots.org.uk).**

(If you require a paper copy of the APCM report please contact Church Office but be aware there will be a charge of £2 for it to cover increased printing costs.)

**Elections to serve as Churchwarden, PCC member and Deanery Synod representative will be held during the APCM meeting, so if you are on the Church's Electoral Roll please consider standing.**

**Nomination forms for election as Churchwarden, PCC member and Deanery Synod representative can be filled in on-line or downloaded from the StBots web site at [www.stbots.org.uk/Resources](http://www.stbots.org.uk/Resources) or you can request the forms from Church Office.**

#### Church Property Tidy Up



Please join members of the Fabric Task Group at **9.30am on Saturday 22nd May** to help tidy up in the churchyard and Church House garden. The work will include cutting back the ivy on the Wellingtonia and clearing the area within the new protection fence; also reinstating the posts at the entrance to Church House; and much more! Someone to make coffee would also be most welcome! Please bring basic gardening tools.

Hope to see you. From the Fabric Task Group.

Warm wishes Adrian

## Take the opportunity to share the gospel...

This super selection of books will certainly help point your children and grandchildren to Jesus..

### [Love Gave](#)

From author and spoken word artist Quina Aragon comes this one-of-a-kind poetic picture book for children. Love Gave tells the story of the incarnation and the good news of Jesus Christ in language kids can understand.

Children will hear how God created us to be His friends, but because of sin, we were separated from Him. Out of love, God gave us Jesus who died and rose again to solve our sin problem and restore our friendship with God.

The final page provides a clear explanation of the gospel and an invitation for children to trust their heart to God and accept His gift of eternal fellowship. This is a book your whole family will enjoy and is sure to become a favorite for years to come.

### [Love Made](#)

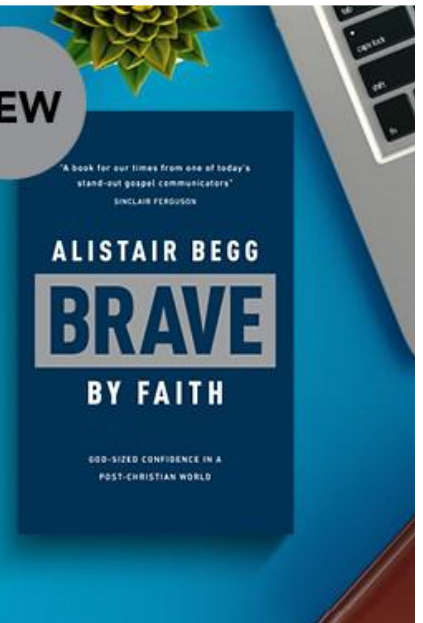
The joy of the Trinity---Father, Son and Holy Spirit---has existed for all eternity. That indescribable joy bubbled over to make creation. God made so many wonderful things, but we are by far His greatest work of art. Share that precious truth with your little one with this unique children's book celebrating the miracle of God's creation. Boys and girls will learn about God as the Trinity, the Creator, and about how they are made in His image. Beautifully illustrated and lovingly written, Love Made will become a story time favorite for your child. Recommended for ages 3 to 7 years.



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HELP TO LIVE  
BRAVELY,  
CONFIDENTLY  
& OBEDIENTLY  
IN TODAY'S  
WORLD

NEW



### God-Sized Confidence in a Post-Christian World

What does it look like to live with joy in a society that does not like what Christians believe, say or do? It's tempting to grow angry, keep our heads down, retreat or just give up altogether. But this isn't the first time that God's people have had to learn how to live in a pagan world that opposes God's rule.

In this realistic yet positive book, renowned Bible teacher Alistair Begg examines the first seven chapters of Daniel to show us how to live bravely, confidently and obediently in an increasingly secular society.

Click Here: [Christian books & bible studies – The Good Book Company](#)

## Saturday Morning Prayer Time

tbd May

Join us at St Botolph's on-line via Zoom between 9am and 10am  
For a time of informal prayer

(Zoom log-in details can be found on the St Bots Whatsapp Group or contact Church Office)

### RAISING KIDS FOR CHRIST

Our friends at Moulton Church have arranged this event. There are two remaining Zoom sessions led by Mel Lacey, Head of Growing Young Disciples. Mel has many years experience in leading youth and children's work and is an excellent teacher and communicator. This event is aimed at parents and children's/youth workers.

Session 3. **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 8pm – 9:30pm.** This session we'll be thinking about how to help kids relate to the world, focusing on helping them to engage well with TV, movies, social media, music etc. with a biblical worldview.

There is a small voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of the event.  
Contact Helen for further details.

[Helen@stbots.church](mailto:Helen@stbots.church) 0797316402

### What's happening next week?

#### • **Sunday 9th May**

9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)  
9.45am Promised Land (via Zoom)  
11.00am Outdoor Service at Warkton

#### • **Monday 10th May**

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)  
9.30am Refresh (in Church House)  
1:00pm Staff meeting

#### • **Tuesday 11th May**

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

#### • **Wednesday 12th May**

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)  
9.30am Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)  
4.45pm Promised Land (via Zoom)  
8.00pm Link (in Church House)

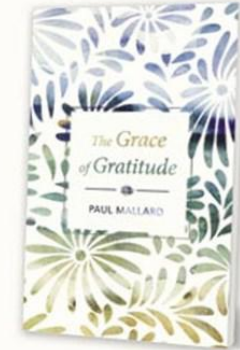
#### • **Thursday 13th May**

8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)  
10:00am Staff Meeting  
7.30pm Teighty (in Church House)  
7:30pm Ascension Day Service  
(in Church and Live-Streamed)

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Resources that point to Jesus

*The Grace  
of Gratitude*

PAUL MALLARD



### How do you react when things go wrong?

Paul Mallard shows us that real gratitude sings through the storms and the darkest days and is stronger than anything that life can throw at it... The Grace of Gratitude teaches us how to turn our groaning and grumbling into gratitude and gladness. Through the Israelites' song of gratitude in Psalm 66, we catch glimpses of the God who parts the waves and whose plans are always for our good.

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(Opening Hours Mon - Thursday 10:00am - 2:00pm.)