

**St Botolph's
Church Family News
The Sunday next before Lent
14th February 2021**

Collect - The Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Message from Mark

It will soon be Lent, that time of year, beginning on Ash Wednesday, when we think about God's great mercy and grace to us. It is so important for us to be reminded that we deserve nothing from God, yet He gives us everything in Christ. The season of Lent ends with the glorious celebrations the resurrection on Easter Day. Christ's victory over death and hell. The grand demonstration of the mercy and grace of God. Look out for a special online service on Ash Wednesday to begin the season together.





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 (Login details available from the Church Office or on the St Bots Church WhatsApp Group) 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.

Explore what it means to follow Jesus.

Discipleship Explored - Sunday evenings at 6.30pm starting on 21st February
Discipleship Explored is an eight-session course studying Paul's letter to the Philippians.

The course helps believers to know how to live as disciples of Christ Jesus today. It goes beyond simply teaching the right moves - go to church, pray, read the Bible, share the gospel - and focuses on the power which drives discipleship: the love of Christ. The greatest love anyone can ever know.

So, why not join with us via Zoom on Sunday evenings during Lent as we discover Philippians. Each session will begin at 6.30pm and finish by 8pm latest. There will be some input in each session and a time for discussion. Contact Paul in the Church Office for Zoom joining details.

What's happening next week?

- **Sunday 15th February**
9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)
- **Monday 16th February**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
1:00pm Staff meeting
- **Tuesday 17th February**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
- **Wednesday 18th February**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
4.45pm Promised Land (via Zoom)
7.00pm Ash Wednesday (on YouTube)

- **Thursday 19th February**
8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
10:00am Staff Meeting
- **Friday 20th February**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
- **Saturday 21st February**
- **Sunday 22nd February**
9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)

Funeral Notice

Reverend Ralph Leonard Eveleigh
2nd February 1932 - 25th January 2021

No flowers please



Ralph Leonard Eveleigh Sadly passed away on Monday 25th January 2021 aged 88 years. He shall be deeply missed by all of his family and friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 13.00pm

Due to the current circumstances attendance is restricted and by invitation only.

However, you may wish to watch the Service via the live webcast or for 28 days following the Service.

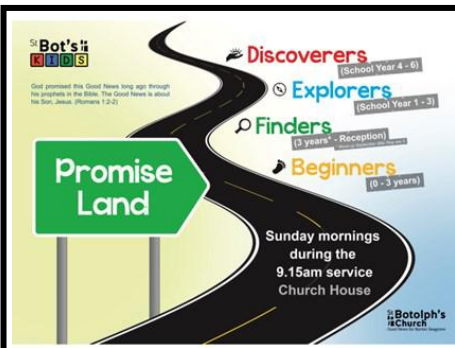
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There will be family flowers only but donations, if desired, are to go to the 'Daylight Centre Fellowship', a charity that Ralph helped to set up. It is an independent local charity who strive to help people in Wellingborough and surrounding districts of Northamptonshire in meeting personal challenges that range from complex mental health issues, drug abuse, learning difficulties, to homelessness or just feeling fragile, isolated and alone.

Cheques made payable to 'Daylight Centre Fellowship' may be sent c/o Mrs C.J. Ritchie 13 Shepherds Way Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 7NH or via online at www.daylightcf.org where there is a donate option.

Thank you

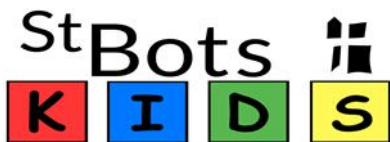
Judith Edwards



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

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 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

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 via Zoom for a cuppa, catch up, pastoral support, Bible study and prayer. When lockdown and government rules allow, we have also been 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 for Zoom login details.

Kirsty Clark 07909 511987, kirstyclark21@hotmail.co.uk.

I can fill you in on any other details and give you the zoom link. You would be more than welcome to join us - we'd love to have you!

DEF – Lent Bible School



The details for the Peterborough Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (DEF) Lent Bible School are now up on the St Bots Blog.

God, sex and human flourishing - 5 sessions over Lent thinking through Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Wednesday evenings during lent. Starting 24th February 19.30pm - 20.30pm. Really good speakers and important topics to think about.

<https://stbotsblog.wordpress.com/2021/02/08/def-lent-bible-school/>

Peterborough DEF Lent Bible School: God, sex and human flourishing

There are 5 (FREE) sessions over Lent (via Zoom) thinking through Christian teaching about

Learning together, Identity, Relationships, Sexuality, and Life together.

Each of the 5 sessions needs to be booked individually. When you book you will automatically be emailed the zoom invitation the link to the first one is below. It is very easy to book and there is no cost. For more details go to <https://www.mgpnorthampton.org.uk/event-details-registration/god-sex-and-human-flourishing-def-lent-bible-school-session-1-learning-together>

Session 1

1. **Learning together** [Speaker Jonnie Deja, Wednesday 24th February @ 19.30pm]
With so many different opinions, even among Christians, how do we work out what is right? What do we do when people have different opinions about what the Bible says?

[Click here to book now](#)

Session 2

2. **Identity** [Speaker Mark Lucas, Wednesday 3rd March @ 19.30pm]
What is fundamental to our identity as human beings, and as Christians? How does sex and gender fit into questions of identity?

[Click here to book now](#)

Further **Session** details to be advertised here in CFN over the coming weeks during Lent.

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