### St Botolph's Church Family News The Fourth Sunday of Lent 14th March 2021



#### Collect - The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Two weeks ago, in our online Sunday service, we looked at Psalm 116v15, **'Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.'** Losing loved ones is hard, especially during lockdown. The emptiness left where someone used to be is almost palpable. Yet for His 'saints' loss for us is precious to God. Last week we lost a great saint. Jean was special to many as one of God's saints. Her loss is difficult, especially as it came so quickly. Yet for her Lord, it is precious. She is with Him for ever. We rejoice in the hope that knowing God brings, and we pray for Jean's family in their loss.

> Our brilliant administrator, Paul, is retiring. This leaves a vacancy in the staff team. Could you, or anyone you know, fill this part time position? Hours are variable, and could be a job share, there could also be some working from home. There is a requirement that you must be a committed Christian. If you want to know more call Mark on 07788 100 757, or send an email to rector@stbots.church.



Lent this year begins on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 started 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 when you can via Zoom on Sunday evenings during Lent as we discover Philippians. Each session will begin at 6.30pm and finish by 7.30pm latest. There will be some input in each session and a time for discussion. Contact either Paul in the Church Office or see the St Bots WhatsApp Group for Zoom joining details.

#### What's happening next week?

Sunday 14th March		Wednesday 17th March	
9.15am	Family Service (on YouTube)	8.00am	Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
9.45am	Promised Land (via Zoom)	9.30am	Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)
6.30pm	Discipleship Explored (via Zoom)	4.45pm	Promised Land (via Zoom)
• Mor	nday 15th March	7.30pm	DEF Lent School (via Zoom)
8.00am	Morning Prayer (on YouTube)	8.00pm	Link (via Zoom)
9.30am	Refresh (via Zoom)	• Thu	rsday 18th Match
1:00pm	Staff meeting	8:00am	Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
Tuesday 16th March		10:00am	Staff Meeting
8.00am	Morning Prayer (on YouTube)	7.30pm	1eighty (via Zoom)
		Friday 19th March	
		8.00am	Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
		• Satu	rday 20th March

#### **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. It is very easy to book and there is no cost. For more details follow the "Click here to book now" below.

#### Session 4

4. Sex [Speaker Phil Nightingale, Wednesday 12th March @ 19.30pm] Where do our bodies and sex fit into all this? How can we "offer our bodies to God as living sacrifices" (Rom 12:1)?

#### Session 5

#### Click here to book now

5. Life together [Speaker Nick Alexander, Wednesday 24th March @ 19.30am] How do we respond to differences in thinking on these matters, and to differences in lifestyle? What impact does it have on our unity?

Click here to book now

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#### Mothering Sunday – Flowering Plants



Plants will be available to collect from the carpark. outside Church House between 11am - 1pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. As part of your daily exercise, we would love you to collect a plant in a socially distanced and Covid-safe way from the front of Church House. It would be great if every lady from our church family received a plant on Mothering Sunday so if you are able to collect and delivery a plant to someone you know who may not be able to collect one for themselves, we would be very grateful. We will collate a list to ensure that there are no duplicates and as many ladies as possible receive a plant.

If you are unable to make it to Church House between 11am – 1pm on 14<sup>th</sup> March, please let Helen know and she will endeavour to put plants aside for you tel: 07973 164020 or email Helen@stbots.church. Thank you - we look forward to seeing you.

Helen



In a difficult year...we are excited to announce the plans ahead.... Bible by the Beach 2021 will be an online event only this year but with the opportunity to interact with others during the day. There will be many elements you will be familiar with - excellent Bible Readings, inspiring music from EMU and, of course, our children and youth will also be wonderfully catered for! So book the date in your diary and join us at Bible by the Beach 2021 on Saturday 1st May! More information to follow shortly ...



CRAFTING - QUIZZING BAKING CHALLENGE - FLOWER ARRANGING

## SATURDAY 27TH MARCH - 8PM

EMAIL JULIE@STBOTS.CHURCH FOR YOUR INVITE TO OUR ZOOM EVENT

EMAIL RACHEL RMSAMWAYS@YAHOO.COM FOR YOUR FREE **PARTICIPANT PACK!\*** 

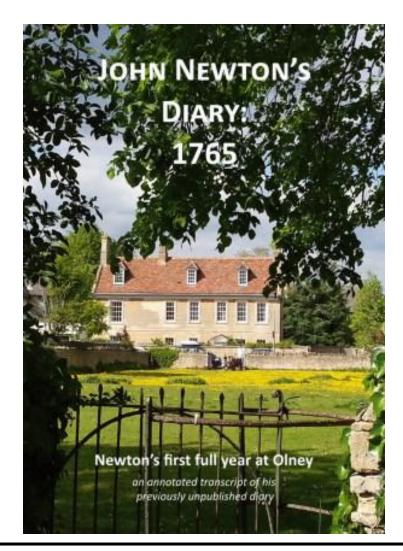
St Botolph's \*PARTICIPANT PACKS WILL BE POSTED TO ENSURE NO CONTACT



#### Short prayer guides with lots of fresh ideas

**FIVE THINGS TO PRAY** 

This series of short books on prayer is designed to boost your prayer life by giving you fresh ideas. Each chapter takes a passage of Scripture and looks at how it can influence how we pray for a specific issue. Pray for your church, your city, your world, your heart, your kids and the people you love. There is also a book on what to pray during a global crisis in the series



John Newton's Diary for 1765 has recently been published.

**Johnny Juckes** of Oakhill writes: 'It is a privilege of the highest order to read Newton's account of 1765, with such superb footnotes. There is so much spiritual treasure here, so much to learn from a senior saint sharing his heart...'

and **Simon Manchester** of Sydney writes: 'Here is John Newton, in his fortieth year of life and his second year in ministry, setting out the struggles in his heart and the mercies of God - with rare ability...'

You can buy copies online at johnnewton.org/shop or (much cheaper at only £3 for StBots!) directly from Marylynn <u>admin@johnnewton.org</u> or tel 01536 726401. Doorstep delivery!

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#### 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 – <u>Helen@stbots.church</u> or 07973 164020

#### Make and Play – Sessions on YouTube



During the various lockdown periods, Helen as 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 <u>fill in a members form</u> before you come for the first time*) Meeting Times - **Thursdays**: We meet over Zoom from 7:30-9pm For more details email - <u>andy@stbots.church</u>

**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 <u>fill in a members form</u> before you come for the first time*) Meeting Times - **Wednesdays**: We meet over Zoom from 8-9.30pm For more details email - <u>andy@stbots.church</u>

**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, <u>kirstyclark21@hotmail.co.uk</u>.

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!

THE CHURCH

#### **REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** Notice is hereby given

that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council<sup>\*</sup>, beginning on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021, and ending on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021

completed at least 15 days, but no more than 28 days, before the Annual Parochiol Church Meeting.

\* The revision must be

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council and held in **St Botolph's Church Office, Barton Seagrave** for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person is—

(a) is baptised,

(b) is aged 16 or over, and

(c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

At least 14 days notice Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021

Signed <u>paul@stbots.church</u> Address St Botolph's Church Office Church Electoral Roll Officer Barton Seagrave, NN15 6SR

Email admin@stbots.church

Go to <u>St Botolph's Church (stbots.org.uk)</u> web site to download an application form to be added to the Church Electoral Roll. You can complete the application form on-line using the **SIGN** function in Adobe Reader then email the form back to admin@stbots.church or complete the form manually and return to Church Office.