

**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 have you!

**St Botolph's  
Church Family News  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
16th May 2021**

**Collect - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Message from Mark**

If things continue to go according to plan, we're told we should be free of Covid restrictions by June 21<sup>st</sup>. This is great news, but, alongside the hopefulness, the restrictions leave a wake of sadness, depression and anxiety. Some have experienced loss, many are very anxious about returning to 'normal'. I've heard it said that it's likely that face masks will become a 'must have' fashion accessory well into the future! I know many are anxious about returning to a church building. With all this in mind we are planning our return very carefully. In many areas of life things will never be as they were, and that is true for us too. The staff team have already spent time together reading and considering responses to our Covid survey. We are considering, as a result, what services to offer and at what times. Be assured that any big changes made will initially be for an experimental period, we are keen to be the best we can for the kingdom of God. May God bless you we emerge to normality.

**Date For Your Diary**

Confirmation Service 14-11-21  
at St Botolph's. Details to follow in due cause.  
If you are considering Confirmation please speak to Andy or Mark  
over the next couple of months.

## 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

Please join us on **Sunday 16th May at 6.30pm** as we continue with our Evening Prayer Service in St Botolph's Church (this service will also be Live Streamed via YouTube), all are welcome.

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 any of the services in church.

Also please join us **on-line only this Sunday 16th May at 9.15am** as we introduce Live-Streaming of our Morning Service from Church. Over the coming weeks we're hoping to welcome you all back in Church but in the meantime please bear with us as we introduce Live-Streaming of our services from Church.

Click here to access [StBots - YouTube](#)

**Please join us this Sunday 16th 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.

# APCM

Our APCM will be held in Church on Monday 24th May 2021 and will start at 7.45pm with the

**Vestry Meeting at 7.45am followed at 8.00pm by the APCM.**

This year's APCM report includes the meeting Agenda for both the Vestry & APCM meetings is now available to view or download from the

[St Botolph's Church | APCM 2021 \(stbots.org.uk\)](http://stbots.org.uk)

(If you would like 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.**

click here [St Botolph's Church | APCM 2021 \(stbots.org.uk\)](http://stbots.org.uk)

or you can request the forms from Church Office.

There are **9 PCC and 6 Deanery Synod member vacancies** this year to be filled for a new 3 year term at our APCM on Monday 24th May since the existing members term of office has come to an end.

If you are an existing member whose term of office has come to an end and would like to continue or someone who is considering standing please complete the relevant nomination form which can be filled in on-line and submit to Church Office as soon as possible..

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

Join us Monday - Thursday for Morning Prayer

Click Here [StBots - YouTube](#)



We welcome Heather Knighton as she commences her role on Monday 17th May as **Benefice Administrator for St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave and St Edmund's Church, Warton.** Heather takes over from Paul who has retired from the role of Administrator.

**Church House Office Hours** - With effect from week commencing 17th May, Church Office will be open Monday to Thursday from 10am to 2pm. You can continue to leave voicemail messages at 01536 414052 and email messages at [admin@stbots.church](mailto:admin@stbots.church) which are regularly monitored outside these hours.

Although Paul is retiring from his role as Church Administrator he's not leaving the Church, and will continue to be part of the congregation here at St Botolph's. As a thank-you the Church would like to show its appreciation for all of the excellent work Paul has done over the many years as Church Administrator, Julie has agreed to be the central point of contact should you wish to contribute to a present, so please delivery your contribution to the Rectory by the 21st May.

**Saturday Morning Prayer Time**

15th May & tbd June

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 is one remaining Zoom session 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 Zoom log-in details. [Helen@stbots.church](mailto:Helen@stbots.church) 0797316402

**What's happening next week?**

• **Sunday 16th May**

- 9.15am Live Streamed Family Service
- 9.45am Promised Land (via Zoom)
- 11.00am Outdoor Service at Warkton
- 6.30pm Evening Service in Church (also Live-Streamed)

• **Monday 17th May**

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

**Tuesday 18th May**

- 8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
- 1.00pm KGH Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

• **Wednesday 19th 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 20th May**

- 8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 7.30pm 1eighty (in Church House)

• **Friday 21st May**

- 8.00am Free Style Friday (on YouTube)

• **Saturday 22nd May**

- 9.30am Church Property Tidy-Up



**Gentle and Lowly  
The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers  
By Dane C Ortlund**



Christians know that God loves them, but can easily feel that he is perpetually disappointed and frustrated, maybe even close to giving up on them. As a result, they focus a lot—and rightly so—on what Jesus has done to appease God’s wrath for sin. But how does Jesus Christ actually feel about his people amid all their sins and failures? This book draws us to Matthew 11, where Jesus describes himself as “gentle and lowly in heart,” longing for his people to find rest in him. The gospel flows from God’s deepest heart for his people, a heart of tender love for the sinful and suffering. These chapters take us into the depths of Christ’s very heart for sinners, diving deep into Bible passages that speak of who Christ is and encouraging readers with the affections of Christ for his people. His longing heart for sinners comforts and sustains readers in their up-and-down lives.

Click Here [Gentle and Lowly \(Hardback\) - Dane C Ortlund - 10ofThose.com](#)

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

**Message from Helen - Families Worker**

**What Does it Mean to Have Faith?**

Over recent weeks I’ve been thinking a lot about what it means to have faith in God. Perhaps you have been a Christian for many years or maybe you are still unsure about what it means to live as a Christian day by day; maybe you find following Jesus is relatively easy at the moment or, as is perhaps more likely, you struggle with a daily routine which includes regular prayer and Bible reading? Restrictions due to the pandemic may have prompted you to stray from your relationship with God or (hopefully) they have led you to rely more on him for your daily needs.

In our Promise Land sessions for the children and at our Refresh group for mums and babies, we’ve been considering the lives of Abraham, Moses and others and what made them paragons of faith.

**Hebrews 11:1-2** says

*‘Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.  
This is what the ancients were commended for.’*

Do you believe what you read in the Bible? Do you think back over your own life and see God’s hand at work?

God made promises to Abraham concerning his future and the blessings that would be his. The blessings that God promised seemed impossible in human terms, but ‘Abraham believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.’ Genesis 15:9

God fulfilled his ultimate promise to his people in the person of Jesus. Do you believe that Jesus died for you? Do you believe he is alive in heaven today, praying for you? Do you believe that he loves you? I pray that you do. That is faith!

**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 18th 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

**Toilet, Tea Bar and Servery in Church**



You will be delighted to learn that the construction of a toilet, tea bar and servery in the space previously occupied by the organ and the vestry are nearing completion and will be ready for use when we are able to fully open the church for services in due course.

