



St Botolph's Church Family News The First Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021



Collect - The First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

On the surface, the Ten Commandments seem very straight forward: No idols, keep the Sabbath, do not steal etc., I'm sure you know them well enough. However, as we have been unpacking them in our Sunday services we are finding them deeply challenging. Even though we are not under the law, this tenfold statement of how to live for God shows just us how bad we are. Thanks be to God that, in His mercy, the Lord Jesus kept this law perfectly because we can't. He became our substitute.





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 21st February

9.15am	Family Service (on YouTube)
9.45am	Promised Land (via Zoom)
6.30pm	Discipleship Explored (via Zoom)

Monday 22nd February

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
9.30am Refresh (via Zoom)
1:00pm Staff meeting

Tuesday 23rd February

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

Wednesday 24th February

8.00am	Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
9.30am	Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)
4.45pm	Promised Land (via Zoom)
7.30pm	DEF Lent School (via Zoom)
8.00pm	Link (via Zoom)

Thursday 25th February

8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
10:00am Staff Meeting

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Friday 26th February

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

Saturday 27th February

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.

Visit: obitus.com
Username: Womi8613
Password: 241054

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



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*, beginning on Monday the 26th day of April 2021, and ending on Monday the 10th day of May 2021

* The revision must be completed at least 15 days, but no more than 28 days, before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

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 must be given. Dated this 18th 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.

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.)

A SPRING SPECIAL

GIRLS NIGHT IN



A FRIENDLY EVENING FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES INCLUDING: 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

Please note the change of email address effective from 24th February 2021

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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 -Helen@stbots.church 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 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 - andv@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!