



During Lent we are 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** - Join us on Sunday evenings at 6.30pm during Lent via Zoom.

Discipleship Explored is an eight-session course studying Paul's letter to the Philippians, it 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.

## Encouragement to Keep Going...



Encouragement is a powerful thing. When someone takes the time to post a card, pen a letter or send a thoughtful gift, our heads are raised, our spirits brighten and our attitudes are turned around. Encouragement offers support, confidence and hope.

As we begin the slow walk out of lockdown, why not encourage someone you love by showing them you're thinking of them - even while we remain apart? Even

the smallest of acts can strengthen the weak and cheer the troubled to look to Jesus.

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

## St Botolph's Church Family News The Fifth Sunday of Lent 21st March 2021



### Collect - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Helen

The Bible is full of verses which remind us that everything belongs to God, he made the universe, the world, everything and everyone in it. My question to you (and me) today is 'Do you really believe that?'. I ask this question because it is so easy in today's world to hang on to things as if we are the ones who earned them for ourselves. Do we treat our possessions as our right or as a blessing from God? In today's service we are considering the **eighth commandment, 'do not steal'**; when we are mindful of everything that God has given us, this commandment takes on new meaning. When we help ourselves to anything that is not ours, we are not just taking from another person, we are saying that we are not content with what God has given us. I wonder if we can truly say (as Paul did in Philippians 4:11) **'...I have learned to be content in whatever the circumstances.'**

**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](mailto:rector@stbots.church).**

# ST BOTS EASTER 2021

The Greatest Love  
You've Ever Known

## Maunday Thursday

Evening Prayer 7pm (Youtube)

## Good Friday

Family Service 9:15am (Youtube)

Meditation 7pm (Youtube)

## Easter Day

Sonrise Service 6:30am (Church House Garden)

Morning Prayer 8am (St Botolph's Church &  
livestreamed on Youtube)

Family Service 9:15am (Youtube)

Easter Celebration 11am (St Edmunds Warkton  
Church Yard)

Evening Prayer 6:30pm (St Botolph's Church &  
livestreamed on Youtube)

**Easter Services in Church** Due to Covid -19 restrictions you will need to book your place if you intend to come to church on Easter Day for either **Morning Prayer at 8.00am** or **Evening Prayer at 6.30pm**. You will be able to book your place(s) for either service from Monday 22nd March via the St Bots website. ([www.stbots.org.uk](http://www.stbots.org.uk))



# # GREATEST LOVE

St Edmunds  
Warkton

[www.stbots.org.uk](http://www.stbots.org.uk)

## Funeral Notice

The funeral of Jean Wardle will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.



Sadly, due to current regulations, only immediate family will be in attendance. It is our intention to hold a Thanksgiving Service later in the year, once restrictions allow.

You may wish to watch the service via the live webcast, which will commence at 1pm on the following link :

<https://www.obitus.com/>

Username fejo3065

Password 339855

The webcast will be available for 28 days following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation can be made via the donations page of the Jack Warwick Funeral Service website or by contacting them on 01536 485635.

Jean's family would like to thank you for your kindness, support and prayers at this sad time. Jean was special to so many people who will all share in our loss, but we rejoice in the hope that knowing God brings.

## 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 5

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](#)

## What's happening next week?

### • Sunday 21st March

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

### • Monday 22nd March

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

### • Tuesday 23rd March

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)  
6.00pm Evening Prayer (on YouTube)

### • Wednesday 24th March

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 March

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)  
10:00am Staff Meeting  
7.30pm Eighty (via Zoom)

### • Friday 26th March

8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

### • Saturday 27th March

## St Botolph's Lockdown Review

As we move to a relaxation of lockdown rules, hopefully by the start of Summer, Mark & the wardens have decided to review services and other events provided over the last 12 months by St Botolph's, importantly we need the opinions of the St Botolph's fellowship to make the review as valid as possible.

Below is a link to a questionnaire that invites you to give your views. There is a mixture of text based questions and those needing a selection from a scale.

All you need to do access the questionnaire is to click on the link.

<https://www.stbots.org.uk/churchlife/lockdown-review/>

Alternatively go to the church website, [www.stbots.org.uk](http://www.stbots.org.uk), click on "**Church Life**" and then on "**Lockdown Review**".

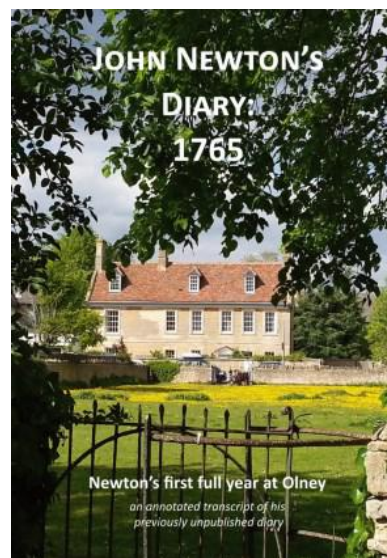
If you share one email address with others in your family, you can still all complete the questionnaire by using the alternative route above.

All responses will be anonymised.

Many thanks

Mark & the wardens

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



**Johnny Jukes** 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](http://johnnewton.org/shop) or (much cheaper at only £3 for StBots!)

directly from Marylynn [admin@johnnewton.org](mailto:admin@johnnewton.org) or tel 01536 726401. Doorstep delivery!



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021**, and ending on **Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021

Signed [paul@stbots.church](mailto:paul@stbots.church) Address St Botolph's Church Office  
Church Electoral Roll Officer Barton Seagrave, NN15 6SR

Email [admin@stbots.church](mailto:admin@stbots.church)

Go to [St Botolph's Church \(stbots.org.uk\)](http://St Botolph's Church (stbots.org.uk)) 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](mailto:admin@stbots.church) or complete the form manually and return to Church Office.

## National Day of Reflection On Tuesday 23rd March, Marie Curie



Care and support  
through terminal illness

Since the first lockdown began in 2020, more than a hundred thousands of people have died. Too many lives have been cut short and millions have been bereaved. Behind the statistics and whatever the cause, every death has been devastating for the people left behind. Join us on 23 March, the first anniversary of the first UK lockdown, for a **National Day of Reflection** to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future. There are still tough times ahead, as the death toll continues to rise. This annual day will give us all time to pause and think about this unprecedented loss we're facing, and support each other through grief in the years to come.

Join us at **St Botolph's** for a short Service in recognition of the  
"National Day of Reflection"  
on Tuesday 23rd March at 6.00pm (on You-Tube)



BIBLE  
BY THE BEACH



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...

# A SPRING SPECIAL GIRLS NIGHT IN



A FRIENDLY EVENING FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES INCLUDING:

BAK

**BOOKINGS NOW CLOSED**

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**SATURDAY 27TH MARCH - 8PM**

EMAIL [JULIE@STBOTS.CHURCH](mailto:julie@stbots.church) FOR YOUR INVITE TO OUR  
ZOOM EVENT

EMAIL RACHEL [RMSAMWAYS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:rmsamways@yahoo.com) FOR YOUR FREE  
PARTICIPANT PACK!\*

**St Botolph's  
Church**

\*PARTICIPANT PACKS WILL BE POSTED TO ENSURE  
NO CONTACT

**the goodbook**.co.uk

Short prayer guides with lots of fresh ideas

## FIVE THINGS TO PRAY



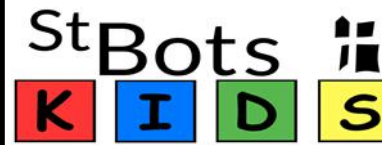
This series of short books on prayer is designed to boost your prayer life by giving you fresh ideas. Each chapter takes a passage of Scripture and looks at how it can influence how we pray for a specific issue. Pray for your **church**, your **city**, your **world**, your **heart**, your **kids** and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



## 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 over Zoom 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 over Zoom 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 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](mailto: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!