



Discoverers (School Year 4-6)
Explorers (School Year 1-3)
Finders (3 years - Reception)
Beginners (0-3 years)

Promise Land

Sunday mornings during the 9.15am service Church House

St Bot's Church

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

St Bots KIDS

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

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

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

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

Day of Pentecost

23rd May 2021

Collect - Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 21st. 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 as we emerge into normality.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Baptism Service 12-09-21
At St Botolph's. Church Details to follow shortly
If you are considering baptism please register your interest with Heather in Church Office.



RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Join us in 2021 - 11 September

On Saturday 11th September the annual Ride and Stride 2021 event will take place. We hope to keep the church open for either the whole day or part of the day and are looking for volunteers to open up. If you think you can help please contact Heather in Church Office.

Please join us in Church or on-line this Sunday 23rd May at 9.45am as we start to welcome the congregation back into Church to worship.

We'll continue to Live-Stream our Morning Service from Church (via YouTube) for those of you who would prefer to join us from the comfort of your own home.

Please join us on Sunday 23rd 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.

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

Please join us this Sunday 23rd 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 singing 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..

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



Morning Prayer Livestream

Weekday mornings at 8am

Join us Monday - Thursday for Morning Prayer

Click Here [StBots - YouTube](#)

KGH Prayer time

The Spiritual and Pastoral Care (chaplaincy) team at KGH hold a fortnightly prayer Zoom session at **1.00pm-1.30pm on Tuesdays**. Our next one is on **Tuesday 1st June**. 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 Chaplaincy team

Saturday Morning Prayer Time

12th June & 10th July

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 24th 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 0797316402

What's happening next week?

• **Sunday 23rd May**

- 9.45am Family Service in Church
(also Live-Streamed)
- 11.00am Outdoor Service at Warkton
- 6.30pm Evening Service in Church
(also Live-Streamed)

• **Monday 24th May**

- 8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
- 9.30am Refresh (in Church House)
- 1:00pm Staff meeting
- 7.45pm APCM in Church

• **Tuesday 25th May**

- 8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)

• **Wednesday 26th 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 27th May**

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

• **Friday 28th May**



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](#)

Seven Reasons to (Re)Consider Christianity

By Ben Shaw



Lots of people assume that Christianity is simply a nice story for kids or a niche hobby for weirdos—or worse, unattractively restrictive. In this book, Ben Shaw invites sceptical readers to think again. He outlines seven reasons why Christianity is worth considering - or Reconsidering - not least because it offers some thought-provoking and rational answers to our deepest questions.

This warm, honest book shows that the Christian message is both more credible and more wonderful than we might have otherwise thought, and calls readers to investigate the person of Jesus for themselves.

Click Here:

[Seven Reasons to \(Re\)Consider Christianity - Ben Shaw | The Good Book Company](#)

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

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.

