

**St Botolph's
Church Family News
The Second Sunday of Lent
28th February 2021**

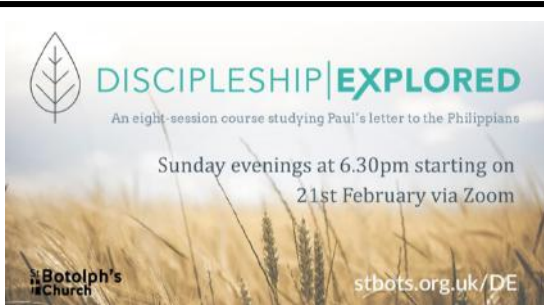
Collect - The Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Message from Mark

Evenings and mornings are getting lighter, the weather is getting warmer, and snowdrops are being replaced with daffodils. We recognise the signs; Spring is on the way. Spring is my favourite season because it's full of hope and joy after the darkness of Winter. We see the signs, and we remember it's coming, and our hearts life. In the same way the season of Lent prepares us for the joys of Easter. And Easter itself, the resurrection of Jesus, reminds us of the eternal life prepared, ready and waiting for all who trust him.





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?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 28th February 9.15am Family Service (on YouTube) 9.45am Promised Land (via Zoom) 6.30pm Discipleship Explored (via Zoom) • Monday 1st March 8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube) 9.30am Refresh (via Zoom) 1:00pm Staff meeting • Tuesday 2nd March 8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube) 8.00pm Church Meets (via Zoom) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 3rd 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 4th March 8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube) 10:00am Staff Meeting 7.30pm 1eighty (via Zoom) • Friday 5th March 8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube) • Saturday 6th March
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A SPRING SPECIAL GIRLS NIGHT IN



A FRIENDLY EVENING FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES INCLUDING:
CRAFTING - QUIZZING
BAKING CHALLENGE - FLOWER ARRANGING

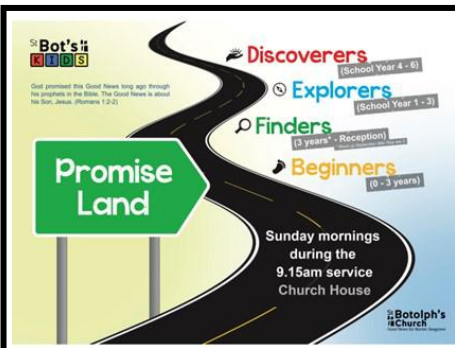
SATURDAY 27TH MARCH - 8PM

EMAIL [JULIE@STBOTS.CHURCH](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!*



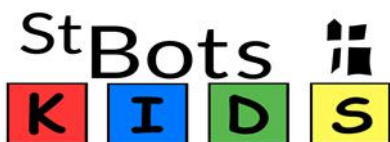
*PARTICIPANT PACKS WILL BE POSTED TO ENSURE NO CONTACT



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 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

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

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!

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 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](#)

Session 3

3. **Relationships** [Speaker Ed Shaw, Wednesday 10th March @ 19.30pm]
What kind of relationships does God call us to? What can we affirm and what can't we?

[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.)

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Reading Between the Lines – Daily Bible Readings

There are lots of really helpful Bible reading notes around which I'm sure a good number of you make excellent use of. I wanted to draw your attention to one in particular. They are a couple of volumes which we have been using as a family over the last few weeks and which we have found to be enlightening, encouraging and engaging.



Reading Between the Lines
Volume 1 – Old Testament and
Volume 2 – New Testament,

written by Glen Scrivener provides
“true refreshment, both of mind and
spirit.” (Richard Bewes OBE). Glen’s
style of writing is easily understood; at
times he is surprising and forthright
whilst explaining a well known Bible
passage with new insight and detail.

The foreword to the second volume is written by Michael Reeves, President and Professor of Theology at Union School of Theology. In it he says, “Glen takes your focus and fixes it on Jesus in all his grace and glory; you’re drawn to marvel and rejoice and treasure Christ more each day”

I mentioned that we have been using the books as a family; the daily Bible readings and notes can be done in around six or seven minutes, this is great for the attention span of a teenager (no offence to all the teenagers out there!). I would recommend that the notes are appropriate for teenagers and adults but not for younger children.

The books are available from **10 of Those, The Good Book Company** and other suppliers.

Helen

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

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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.

Dated this 18th day of February 2021

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

Email admin@stbots.church

At least 14 days notice must be given.

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 or complete the form manually and return to Church Office.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY



We have a vacancy for a full time **Children to Youth Team Leader!**

Holy Trinity is a growing church in the centre of Eastbourne. We're looking for someone who will continue this growth and share the love of the Lord Jesus with both our church and our community.

Please have a look at our web-site at www.holytrinityeastbourne.org.uk

and our YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityEastbourneMedia/featured>

where you'll be able to see our services for the last year during COVID, some of the children's work we have been doing with our 0-5 weekly group, HT Club, as well as the music we produce for our services.

**CHURCH MEETS
TUESDAY 2ND MARCH
8.00PM - 9.00PM ON-LINE VIA ZOOM**

Join us on-line as we gather together in prayer and praise via Zoom bringing our concerns and thanks to our awesome God (log-in details can be found in the St Bots Church WhatsApp Group or email jimroughton@stbots.church)