



DISCIPLESHIP|EXPLORED

An eight-session course studying Paul's letter to the Philippians

Sunday evenings at 6.30pm starting on
21st February via Zoom

St Botolph's
Church

stbots.org.uk/DE

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.

St Botolph's Administrator Vacancy

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 Tel. 07788100757, or send an email to rector@stbots.church. (Closing date for applications 28th March)

St Botolph's Church Family News Palm Sunday 28th March 2021



Collect - Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Collect - Maundy Thursday

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect - Good Friday

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Message from Mark

When I was growing up the old lady next-door-but-one to our house kept a Donkey. The donkey was very popular among younger children who used to come and feed and stroke it. I must confess that I, being of practical mind, thought, "who would want to keep a donkey? What use are they?" In Jesus' day donkeys were a very important tool, something like tractors today. They were strong, dependable, and friendly and uncomplainingly carried great burdens. They were, in short, servants, even slaves, to their masters. It was on a donkey that Jesus entered Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. The son of God, master and creator of the world, chose to associate himself with the slave of humanity. True, undignified humility. I love donkeys now, they are a reminder of what Jesus, my Lord, did for me.

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 are now able to book your place(s) for either service via the **St Bots website. (www.stbots.org.uk)**



GREATEST LOVE

St Edmunds
Warkton

www.stbots.org.uk

RAISING KIDS FOR CHRIST

Our friends at Moulton Church have arranged this event.

Three Zoom sessions 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 1. **Monday March 29th 8pm – 9:30pm** In this session we'll be thinking about helping kids to know who they are in light of the pressure to form certain types of images & identities by the world. The session will focus lots on helping parents/youthworkers/childrens workers understand the pressures & how they can then help kids know they are created in the image of God.

Session 2. **Monday 26th April 8pm – 9:30pm**. This session will move onto helping kids relate to people who differ from them, and how to have a biblical faith & lovingly engage with others.

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 details. Helen@stbots.church 0797316402

The Promise Land sessions (for Primary aged children) over the Easter holidays will be:

Sunday 28th March 9:45am – 10:30am

Tuesday 30th March 10am – 11am

Wednesday 31st March 10am – 11am

Thursday 1st April 10am – 11am

There will no session on Easter Day (4th April), Wednesday 7th April or Sunday 11th April. We'll be back on Wednesday 14th April at 4:45pm.

All sessions are on Zoom. Please get in touch with Helen for details

Tel. 07973164020 or Helen@stbots.church

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

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



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...

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, 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

What's happening next week?

- **Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday**
9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)
9.45am Promised Land (via Zoom)
6.30pm Discipleship Explored (via Zoom)
- **Monday 29th March**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
9.30am Refresh (via Zoom)
10.00am Promised Land (via Zoom)
1:00pm Staff meeting
- **Tuesday 30th March**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
10.00am Promised Land (via Zoom)

- **Wednesday 31st March**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
9.30am Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)
10.00am Promised Land (via Zoom)
8.00pm Link (via Zoom)
- **Thursday 1st April Maundy Thursday**
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
10:00am Staff Meeting
10.00am Promised Land (via Zoom)
7.00pm Evening Prayer (on YouTube)
7.30pm 1eighty (via Zoom)
- **Friday 2nd April Good Friday**
9'15am Family Service (on YouTube)
7.00pm Meditation (on YouTube)

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.



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

Teighty is a group for young people (Yrs 7-9) - Teighty 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!