

## Dates For Your Diary



### Confirmation Service 21-11-21

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.



### Church Picnic Lunch and Fun day at Rock UK Irthlingborough Saturday 2nd October



A time to re-connect and catch up with the church family as we start to return to 'normality'.  
More details to follow later.



## What's happening next week?

- **Sunday 8th August**  
10.00am Family Service in Church  
11.00am Communion Service at Warkton
- **Monday 9th August**
- **Tuesday 10th August**  
5.55pm St Bots TROTS  
(runners meet in Church House Carpark)

- **Wednesday 11th August**
- **Thursday 12th August**
- **Friday 13th August**
- **Saturday 14th August**  
9.00am Openair Prayer (Church House)

## St Botolph's Church Family News Tenth Sunday after Trinity 8th August 2021



### Collect - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

### Sunday Church Services for 8th August

Please join us in **Church at St Botolph's for our 10.00am Family Service** as we continue to welcome the congregation back into Church to worship.

Sunday services from St Botolph's Church would normally be Live-Streamed but due to technical issues we are currently unable to do so. So please join us in Church this Sunday instead, we'd love to see you.

Or join us at **11.00am** for a **Service of Holy Communion** in Church at **St Edmund's Church Warkton,**

**Please use the Village Hall Car park in Warkton village  
if you are coming by car**

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(Opening Hours Mon - Thursday 9:30am - 12:30pm.)



**Thank-you.** A big thank-you to all those who turned up to help in the Working Party last Saturday. It was probably one of the most successful ever and by the end of the morning we had made a real difference in the Church House garden. Watch for the date of the next one in CFN!!!

The Fabric Task Group

### Baptism Service Sunday 12th September



**Can you HELP.** Volunteers needed to help with serving refreshments (coffee, tea and squash) after the Baptism Service on Sunday 12th September in Church House.

If you can help please let Heather in Church House office know.

Telephone 01536 414052

Email: heatherknighton@stbots.church



During **August Church Office** will be open from **9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Thursday.**

Outside these hours the Office telephone and email will be monitored should you wish to leave a message.

Telephone 01536 414052

Email Heatherknighton@stbots.church

## Saturday Morning Prayer Time

### OPENAIR PRAYER

Please do join us in the calm of early morning on the patio area of Church House gardens (marquee if it's damp!) to bring the things on our hearts before God in prayer on **Saturday 14th August, 9.00am-10.00am.**

**All are very welcome**

**Be still and know that I am God (psalm 46:10)**

## Message from Mark's Blog

### Freedom! But is it?

So freedom day has arrived! However, we are still urged to be careful.

**The Church of England eventually issued its guidelines last Friday afternoon. They are, "you are free to do what you like, but if anything goes wrong it's on your head!"**

**(a gentle but accurate paraphrase). So, what are we to do? Here's what we plan:**

1. As described in my last post (please see "The Beginning of the End"), we will be setting up two areas in the church building. One will have seating that is socially distanced, the other not.
2. In BOTH areas we will be asking you to wear masks. This seems sensible and is in line with the government's advice.
3. Each area will have separate entrance and egress points.
4. Ventilation in the building will be as good as we can make it.
5. We can SING TOGETHER! Only, face masks must be in place.

**Concerning Holy Communion this is now allowed. This is very welcome indeed. However, there are certain stipulations:**

1. We must use a common cup.
2. Use of individual cups is specifically not allowed.
3. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is also specifically not allowed.

**So, we do plan to reintroduce Holy Communion, but we must follow the rules. Initially short services of Holy Communion will be offered after the main morning service (to be announced). If you wish to receive communion you are very welcome. We have been advised of the following points concerning possible CoVID-19 transmission:**

1. The virus is unlikely to be transmitted through the wine.
2. The virus is most likely to be transmitted, if at all, via the handling of the chalice.
3. It is possible that the virus could be transmitted by the close proximity of communicants.

**We will, therefore, take the following precautions:**

1. The leader will make sure that his hands are properly and regularly sterilised during the service.
2. We ask that you sterilise your hands before coming up to receive the bread and wine. We will make hand gel available if necessary.
3. Communion will be served one communicant at a time with appropriate distancing between communicants. You may, if you wish, take the chalice as usual as your hands will be sterilised. However, should you prefer, you do not have to touch the chalice and the administrator will tip it accordingly.

**Please do join us for these services. We believe that we are taking every precaution to keep the service as safe as possible. Please encourage those who are anxious and bear with them in love. Remember, some people have good medical reasons to be especially careful that you don't know of. Let's bear with one another, respect one another, and love one another for the glory of God.**

With my blessings Mark