

### **Message from St Botolph's Church Wardens given at the APCM 24th May**

We have been blessed over the past 14 months with our leadership team of Mark, Andy and Helen who have gone more than the extra mile in constantly reminding us through Morning Prayer, Sunday services, Thoughts for the Day and other prayer times of just how much our Saviour loves us, how much mercy he has shown and how much grace he has showered us with.

To do so all three have had to learn new skills in utilising advances in on-line technology which has enabled them all to bring us God's word remotely, and I hope all would agree that their learning has enabled them to improve our service presentation each week.

However, Peter and I have been very aware of the stress and strain that all three have been under to produce the on-line material each week. In addition Andy has continued to engage with the youth at least twice a week either face to face in the marquee in Church House garden or on-line and Helen has met with the younger members.

So we have approached the Bishop and asked if he would be prepared to grant Mark and Andy an extra fortnight's holiday to add on to their planned holidays this summer. We are pleased to report that the Bishop replied immediately in the affirmative and said that he had, in fact only very recently, urged both of them to take extra holiday in recognition of their efforts through the pandemic to enable them to take a complete break and recharge their batteries.

Mark felt that as Helen's workload had been no less onerous than she, too should have a long break. The upshot is that all three will be off for a month, Mark and Andy at different times, over July and August. To enable this, Mark has arranged cover for all the services whilst they are away and that in August there will only be one service a Sunday at Barton. The 11.00am service at Warkton will also continue.

Peter and I are certain that this is right, and we would urge everyone to be in prayer for all three asking that the rest will be beneficial and enable all three to return in September fully refreshed and ready for another year's ministry.

Adrian Keach & Peter Jackson - St Botolph's Church Wardens

**Church Meets Tuesday 1st June 8:00pm via Zoom**  
**Please join us as we gather together in Prayer to bring our concerns and thanks to our awesome GOD**

**Zoom Log-in details can be found on the St Bots WhatsApp Group**

### **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 we expect work to be completed by 4th June so it will be ready for use when we are able to fully open the church for services shortly.



## **St Botolph's Church Family News Trinity Sunday 30th May 2021**



### **Collect - Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 Mark**

Starting live services again is really exciting. It's lovely to see people even if we need to wear masks and we can't sing. No technology can substitute for real human contact. Do plan to come along and be part of the joy! Since all services and groups have been closed down for more than a year, we have an opportunity now, as we restart, to assess what we do. We have limited resources and more than enough things that could be done. We want to make sure we are as effective as we can be, making good use of the gifts and talents we have available. Please bear with us as we experiment, and do pray for the leadership as we have to make some difficult decisions. We really do value your input and feedback so please do offer it. And please go on praying that God will continue to use for His glory alone.

### **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 Property Tidy Up



Please join members of the Fabric Task Group at **9.30am on Saturday 5th June** to help finish the work started on 22nd May in tidying up the churchyard and Church House garden. The work will include finishing clearing debris from within the protective fence round the Wellingtonia and more tree ivy clearing, building a new shed, weeding and much more. It would be appreciated if someone could make tea & coffee again, it would be most welcome! Please bring your own basic gardening tools. Hope to see you. From the Fabric Task Group.

Please join us on **Sunday 30th 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.

Please join us in **Church or on-line this Sunday 30th May at 9.45am** as we continue 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.

Remember that social distancing will be in force in church and that face masks are to be worn during the service and this will be mandatory if you intend to come to any of the services in church.

**Be aware that not everybody is comfortable with being hugged since restriction have been relaxed so can we adopt a NO HUGGING policy please whilst in Church.**

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

Please join us this **Sunday 30th 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 signing voice.

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.

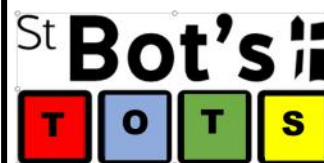
## Message from Paul (Administrator now Retired)



"Dear St Bots family. I wanted to say a huge thank you for your many kind words, cards and of course the gifts that you have given me on my retirement from the **administrator's post**. It has been a real privilege to serve for the last 7 years. I have enjoyed the time, well almost all of it, and will miss being there and the staff team who are fantastic.

It has to be said that without your co-operation and help for many reasons, life would have been much more difficult.

The past 12 months or so has been tough for all of us and not just because of COVID. But its great to be back in church isn't it and hope to see you there very soon."



Hello everyone, we are planning to open up our baby/toddler group again from Tuesday 29th June from 9:30am - 11:00am each week. You may know it as "Make and Play" but with our relaunch, we are renaming it as "**St Bot's TOTS**". Initially we are restricting numbers and are trialing the group for four weeks from 29th June until 20th July before taking a break during August and restarting again in September. Do you know someone who would like to come along with their baby or pre-schooler? We have a few spaces left and I wanted to open them up to friends, family or neighbours of our church family first. Please feel free to pass on my email address, [helen@stbots.church](mailto:helen@stbots.church), to anyone who is interested; places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. As with everything we do at the moment, this restarting of St Bots TOTS group does depend on government Covid guidance at the time. Thank you.

## What's happening next week?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday 30th May</b></li> <li>9.45am Family Service in Church (also Live-Streamed)</li> <li>9:45am Promised Land in Church House</li> <li>11.00am Outdoor Service at Warkton</li> <li>6.30pm Evening Service in Church (also Live-Streamed)</li> <li>• <b>Monday 31st May</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 1st June</b></li> <li>8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)</li> <li>8:00pm Church Meets (via Zoom)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday 2nd June</b></li> <li>8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)</li> <li>9:30am Promised Land (via Zoom)</li> <li>• <b>Thursday 3rd June</b></li> <li>• <b>Friday 4th June</b></li> <li>• <b>Saturday 5th June</b></li> <li>9:30am Church House Working Party</li> </ul> |
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