



News from St Botolph's

August and September 2019



# *From the Priest in Charge*

## *Dear Friends*

This Newsletter covers the two months of August and September. Because there is much material, I am keeping this message short.

The Epistle of St James challenges us with these words: "*Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,*" and yet *[if] you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead, being alone (2.16-17)*

We have not been able to adequately warm people in winter. So, for 18 months now, we have been investigating various heating options and increasing our electrical capacity. It has consumed a great deal of time by those involved as the Heating Scheme has gone through many revisions.

It is though now agreed (see later report) and the work will begin in September. I give thanks for all who have worked so hard to bring this about. It means that we shall have a moderately warm church in winter and a basis for a greater range of community-based activities.

Thanks are also due to all who have similarly worked hard over an extended period to raise the funds that are necessary to cover the considerable costs involved. Without those efforts, the heating would just be a figment of the imagination.

I give thanks for the efforts of all involved. We should shortly be able to respond to the challenge of Scripture thus: *because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold, they kindled a fire and received us all (Acts 28.2).*

Yours sincerely in Christ

*Stephen*

# August happenings

## Walsingham – Saturday 3rd August

Six pilgrims from our community joined forty others from South Cambridgeshire in journeying to the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham on 3rd August for a full day of services and prayer, interspersed with a fine lunch and opportunities to relax and chat with one another in the lovely grounds. By the time we came to leave, everyone felt that it had been very worthwhile to give a day over to our spiritual life among all the hurly burly of daily living and it is hoped that the pilgrimage can be repeated next year.



*Fr Stephen and 4 of the 6 pilgrims from St Botolph's*

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tamara and Harry Sword on the birth of their beautiful daughter on the 11th August, weighing 6lbs 7oz. We look forward to meeting her soon with her brothers Freddie and Jack.

## Evensong

There is no Evening Prayer in Church during August. Evensong resumes on Sunday 1st September at 4:15pm

# News

## Heating St Botolph's – agreed to proceed

At its meeting on 5th August, the PCC agreed to proceed with the project to improve the heating at St Botolph's and also to increase the electrical capacity in church. The main electrical contract will be J D Carter Ltd of Peterborough and the sub contractor in respect of the associated stone works will be Spectrum Stone Ltd of Newmarket. The works will begin on 9th September, with an elapsed time of 5 weeks or so. During this time the church will be closed during the week, reopening for Sunday services. Discussions about the options for the 10:30am Wednesday Holy Communion are taking place currently with regular attendees.

The PCC also agreed in principle to proceed with the replacement of broken gullies in the Garden and the drying out of the South Wall. It makes sense for this work to be done while the stonemasons are onsite, but it is subject to confirmation by the Treasurer once he has confirmed our financial position overall.

## St Botolph's needs you!

**David Berry** has become PCC Secretary recently. Thank you, David, for being willing to offer your assistance with this important role. It is much appreciated.

But there are vacancies still for the roles of Churchwarden, Safeguarding Officer and Flower Arrangers.

If you feel that you might be able to offer yourself for any of these roles, please have a word with the Priest in Charge or Sarah Eastwood to find out more.

***Come Holy Spirit and raise up new officers and helpers to serve our Christian community.***



# News

## Director of Music

Sadly we say farewell to our Director of Music, Adam McDonagh, soon as he has decided to return home to Ireland. Adam has done an excellent job in a short time in recruiting and developing a Choir, which have raised the quality of the singing at our 11am Sunday services. He will be very much missed, not least for his enthusiasm, charm and amiable disposition. We wish him well in wherever his future career takes him. Adam will be phasing out his involvement with us during September and October. The PCC has agreed upon the need to seek a replacement; and we hope and pray that the search for a successor will bear fruit.



*Adam and Choir at the Old Wine evening on 10th June 2019*

# News

## Revd Vivienne Lake

The Revd Vivienne Lake is an active retired priest, with a Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Ely. She has been associated with St Botolph's since around 1990, and delights in the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist and preach as required.

Vivienne was ordained in Ely Cathedral on 28 May 1994 as one of the first women priests, and this 25th anniversary year of the Ordination of Women to the priesthood is being celebrated nationally.



*Vivienne Lake recently at  
St Botolph's*



# *Looking ahead*

## **Summer BBQ – Sunday 8th September**

Some of the younger members of our congregation, under the leadership of Laurie and Anna (to be married on 23rd May 2020), will be providing a Summer BBQ for us in the Garden after the 11am Sung Eucharist on Sunday 8th September. The BBQ is in aid of the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project, which rotates around the City Centre churches during the Winter months. Volunteers work hard to provide a supper, secure overnight accommodation and a cooked breakfast the following morning. It is not possible for us to participate directly in the Project because of the absence of facilities currently, so making a donation instead signifies our support for this very worthwhile undertaking.

Please support our younger members by coming to the BBQ and then being generous in making a donation afterwards.

## **Sunday Services in September**

To accommodate the BBQ, there will be a small change to the pattern of the 11am services in September. The Eucharist will be celebrated on the 1st, 8th and 29th September; Mattins will be officiated on 15th and 22nd September.

## **Ride and Stride – Saturday 14th September**

Ride & Stride is a sponsored event for cyclists, joggers, walkers and horse riders. Participants challenge themselves to visit as many churches as they can by their chosen mode of transport and at the same time raise money by sponsorship to support the work of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. Not only do we welcome participants during the day to St Botolph's, but a group from St Botolph's is also cycling around other churches too. Sarah has the sponsorship forms and is organising the home team. Please have a word with her if you would like to join in too.

## **Book Sale – Saturday 14th September**

Our usual Book Sale with homemade refreshments will be offered during the day from 10am – 4pm. Offers of help to Mrs Horbury on 01223 363529 please.

# *Looking ahead*

## **Vox Cantab – Saturday 14th September**

Our friends at Vox Cantab will give a concert in church of Marian music by composers of the 17th Century at 7:30pm. This follows the feast of the Nativity (Birth) of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on 8th September.

The Choir is exceptionally able, with several fine voices, so they are always worth listening to.

## **Harvest Thanksgiving and Lunch – Sunday 6th October**

Harvest Thanksgiving will as usual be on the first Sunday in October, followed by a congregational lunch in church. Please be ready to offer foodstuffs and come to the lunch when the list to sign up appears a few weeks beforehand.



## **Bishop Rowan – Sunday 20th October**

Bishop Rowan will celebrate the 11am Sung Eucharist and preach again on this date.

As has become traditional, there will be cake and cava afterwards.



# Calendar for August

**Wednesday 7th August Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 11th August Eighth Sunday after Trinity**  
**11am Mattins**  
*Preacher Revd Vivienne Lake*  
*First Lesson Elisabeth Marksteiner (Philippians 4: 6-9)*  
*Second Lesson Kit Helps (Matthew 6: 5 -15)*  
*Sidesperson Elaine Durham*  
  
12 Noon Holy Communion (shortened)

**Wednesday 14th August Feria**  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 18th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity**  
**11am Sung Eucharist**  
*Preacher Priest in Charge*  
*Epistle Joanna Barker*  
*Sidesperson David Berry*

**Wednesday 21st August St Bartholomew the Apostle (trfrd)**  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 25th August Tenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**11am Mattins**  
*Preacher Revd Ally Barrett, Chaplain, St Catharine's College*  
*First Lesson Katharine Horbury (Jeremiah 7. 9-15)*  
*Second Lesson Nicolas Barker (St Luke 19. 41-47)*  
*Sidesperson Jane Blakemore*  
  
12 Noon Holy Communion (shortened)

**Wednesday 28th August St Augustine of Hippo**  
10:30am Holy Communion

*There is Holy Communion at 8.00am **but no Evensong** every Sunday in August*

# *Calendar for September*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st September</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Priest in Charge</i>	
<i>Epistle</i>	<i>Ginnie Norman</i>	
<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>Kit Helps</i>	

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4th September</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10:30am	Holy Communion	

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8th September</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity / Nativity of the BVM</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes</i>	
<i>Epistle</i>	<i>C.C.</i>	
<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>David Eastwood</i>	

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11th September</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10:30am	Holy Communion	

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15th September</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Mattins</b>	
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Revd Dr Mark Smith, Dean of Clare College</i>	
<i>First Lesson</i>	<i>Kit Helps (Genesis 1.1-10)</i>	
<i>Second Lesson</i>	<i>Elisabeth Marksteiner (St Mark 4. 35-41)</i>	
<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>Glenda Teasdale</i>	

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# *Calendar for September*

## **Wednesday 18th September Feria**

10:30am

Holy Communion

## **Sunday 22nd September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**11am**

**Mattins**

*Preacher*

*Revd Patrick Cotton*

*First Lesson*

*Finn Jarvis (Ezekiel 33. 21 – end)*

*Second Lesson*

*David Berry (St Luke 6. 39 - end)*

*Sidesperson*

*Elaine Durham*

12 Noon

Holy Communion (shortened)

## **Wednesday 25th September Feria**

10:30am

Holy Communion

## **Sunday 29th September Michaelmas**

**11am**

**Sung Eucharist**

*Preacher*

*Priest in Charge*

*Epistle*

*Katharine Horbury*

*Sidesperson*

*David Eastwood*

## **Wednesday 3rd October Feria**

10:30am

Holy Communion

## **Sunday 6th October Harvest Thanksgiving**

**11am**

**Sung Eucharist**

*Preacher*

*Revd Dr Alex Jensen, Principal, Eastern Region Ministry Course*

*Epistle*

*C.Q.E*

*Sidesperson*

*Glenda Teasdale*

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