

**S. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH,
CAMBRIDGE**

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

“Look, Mum! It’s ‘therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven’.” I still hear my daughter (then four years old), whispering loudly into a silence during a service at St. Giles Church in Wrexham, North Wales. She was gazing up at the handsome timbered roof, where each boss is decorated with an angel. (At the time I remember being slightly surprised that the words of the Book of Common Prayer had stuck in her head, from services at St. Botolph’s!)

This month, St. Giles is celebrated on September 1st, as is St. Michael (and All Angels) on September 29th. Angels seem to fulfil many rôles. They are guardians, defenders, intercessors and constant worshippers at the throne of God. We can have no better thought for September than the collect for the feast of St. Michael and All Angels:

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.B.

NOTES AND NEWS

Saturday 10th September

Refreshments and Welcome for Visitors

We will welcome especially that day those who *Ride, Drive and Stride for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust*.

Books and handknitted toys will be on sale alongside the refreshments.

Offers of help for any time after 9.00 a.m. on the day — and also of cakes, etc. — will be most welcome.

The end of September

sees the beginning of the next church cleaning rota. Any new volunteers, please, would be welcome. The more names there are, the fewer times your name comes up. The job can be done whenever is convenient to you in your week, and it can be either dusting and polishing, or sweeping. Also, there are some gaps in the flower rota which you may like to fill. The list is on the notice-board by the west door.

Harvest Festival, Sunday 2nd October

Church Decoration for Harvest will take place on Saturday morning, October 1st, from 9.30 a.m. All help is welcome: no experience is needed.

Harvest Thanksgiving will be kept on Sunday 2nd October.

Harvest Lunch will take place after the 11.00 a.m. service on Sunday, in church. Please sign the list at the back of the church, including details of any contribution you could make towards the meal. This is always a much appreciated sociable occasion — so sign up — all welcome.

K.H.

Saturday 7th August was just another first Sunday in the month as far as I was concerned — so it was with incredulity that I saw two of my bridesmaids of 50 years and one day ago come into church, to be followed by others from far away and long ago.

A huge Thank-you to all from St Botolph's who signed the card and helped with celebrations afterwards in the golden sunshine and beauty of the church garden. How we never suspected anything had been planned we'll never know. Thank you. K.H.

News for the October Newsletter by Tuesday 27th September, please.
K.H.

CALENDAR

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 4th September

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mrs. Horbury: Refreshments, Comline

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 7th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 10th

Ride, Drive and Stride for Cambridgeshire Historic Churches

Book Sale & Refreshments

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 11th September

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Ezek. 36.22-8, 34-6, Mrs. Barker; 2. Luke 9.46-end, Mr. Hodson

12 noon Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Monday 12th Deanery Synod

Wednesday 14th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 18th September

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Order 1)

Epistle, Mrs. Coggill; Intercession, Mrs. Baker

6.30 p.m. Evensong

St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Wednesday 21st Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 25th September

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Daniel 3, Dr Lindsay; 2. Luke 11.37-end, Mr Barker

12 noon Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 28th September

St Michael and All Angels, transferred

Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.