

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends

The holiday season is upon us and there are many who are or will be taking some time away from the usual round of daily life to seek rest, relaxation and enjoyment in another environment and location, often with other people.

The hope is to return relaxed, refreshed and better able to meet the challenges always present in our everyday lives.

But there is another less transitory and more enduring way of doing that too, another way of finding inner peace and joy, another way of coping with the daily reality.

Jesus said Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls (Matthew 11:28 – 29).

Now the yoke is an object of work, keeping two animals together. Its purpose is to share strength. So, Jesus is in effect saying to us: Work with me. Learn from me. Be supported and comforted by me. Find your strength in my strength. Feed on me spiritually for your souls. Find restoration and refreshment from letting me bear you up. This way, this rhythm of life from me, will bring you more fully to life. And it is here that ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Much more than being a momentary pause in our daily lives which a holiday can bring, Jesus offers us a personal relationship and a way of life to live with peace and freedom through all our lives, not just instances in them.

Holidays give rest right now. Taking the yoke from Jesus upon us helps us to remember and rekindle how to live well day by day. Reclaim wonder and gratitude. But also let Jesus, who is gentle and loving, accompany you on life's journey. Here is real rest: walking, working, living in rhythm with Jesus.

For as Jesus goes on to say: For my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matthew 11:30). Let Him share it with you.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Stephen

Looking back

Old Wine – Monday 10th June: 5:30pm – 9:30pm

About 100 people came from far and wide for the Old Wine event on Monday 10th June on Using the Prayer Book, arranged in conjunction with the Prayer Book Society.

The event, which comprised Choral Evensong, a wonderful Supper, panel presentations and discussion, rounded off with Compline, was chaired by Bp Rowan Williams, mostly local clergy and our own Andrew Morris.

It was delivered seamlessly by upwards of twenty helpers, all from St Botolph's congregation and friends. A quarter of those attending emailed and tweeted afterwards to say how much the event had been enjoyed and appreciated, with particular accolades for Sarah's delicious chicken casserole, Harry's vegan menu and Victoria's fruit crumble.

It was heartening to see so many helpers working together and well for a common purpose and the event will be remembered by many in positive terms for a long time afterwards.

A report will appear in the magazine of the Prayer Book Society in due course as well as several of the presentations in a sister journal. In the meantime, a couple of photos



The Audience

The Panel

Looking ahead

Bishop Rowan Williams

We welcome Bishop Rowan back again on Sunday 21st July as our Celebrant and Preacher at the 11am Sung Eucharist. Please make a particular effort to be at church on that day.

Heating St Botolph's

The PCC is due to meet in early July to consider the outcome of the tender process for new heating panels and related work to increase our electrical capacity. It is hoped to be able to let a contract to a preferred supplier and for the work to be undertaken during the remaining summer months.

If so, it is probable that the church will need to be closed during the week while the work is undertaken, which will include raising some of the floors. The contractors will be required to restore the church to use for Sunday worship, but it may be that other solutions will need to be found for the mid-week Holy Communion on Wednesday because of the extent of the financial penalties for disrupting the pattern of work. Possibilities are to hold the service in the garden (weather permitting) and/or to attend the 10am Holy Communion service at Little St Marty's instead. LSM services use Common Worship, but in Traditional Language.

No decisions have been reached on any of this, yet.

St Botolph's needs you!

There are vacancies galore at present for all manner of roles at St Botolph's, from Churchwarden to Sidesperson, from PCC Secretary to Flower Arranger.

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.

Looking ahead

Concerts

Adam McDonagh

Our Director of Music, Adam McDonagh, is performing at King's on Monday 8th July at 7:30pm when he plays the piano at a Concert to be given by the King's Junior Voices in the Chapel.

Veronica Baker RIP

The very talented organist, Stephen Farr, sometime Director of Music at Corpus, is giving a Lunchtime Concert on Saturday 10th July at Queens Chapel at 1.10pm. It is dedicated to "the late Veronica Baker (1943-2017), a dearly valued and much-loved supporter of Cambridge Summer Music".

Veronica is much missed from St Botolph's too, where she held several offices over the years and was a keen member of the Choir.

Please try to support both concerts.

Walsingham – Saturday 3rd August

There will be a group going to the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham on Saturday 3rd August. There will be a coach leaving the Trumpington Park and Ride at 9am, returning by 7pm. The cost is £20.

There will be a full programme of services during the day, but also the opportunity to mix and match these with the possibilities of enjoying the lovely Shrine grounds and exploring this ancient village, with its ruined abbey and priory, set deep in the heart of the North Norfolk countryside.

Along with Canterbury, Walsingham was once a major pilgrimage centre in Europe, visited regularly by monarchs, up to (and initially including) Henry the Eighth. The Shrine was restored in the 1920s and once again it functions as an international pilgrimage centre dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who shows us by her life and example of obedience, humility and love, the way to her son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. The prayer of the pilgrim is:

So as now we journey, aid our week endeavour. Till we gaze on Jesus and rejoice for ever.

Please have a word with the Priest in Charge if you would like to know more or are interested in coming.

Calendar for July

Wednesday 3rd July Visitation of the BVM (tfrd)

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th July The Third Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Sung Eucharist
Preacher Priest–in-charge
Readings I Peter 4: 7 - 10
Luke 7: 20 - 38

Epistle Kit Helps

Sidesperson Glenda Teasdale

Voluntary Voluntary Sonata 4, Allegro maestoso e vivace - F Mendelssohn

Wednesday 10th July Feria 10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th July Fourth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Mattins

Preacher Revd Dr Hannah Cleugh, Senior Chaplain to the Bishop of Ely

Readings Deuteronomy 28: 1-14

Acts 28: 17-end

First Lesson David Berry Second Lesson Nicholas Barker Sidesperson Elaine Durham

Voluntary Short Prelude and Fugue in B flat – J S Bach

12 Noon Holy Communion (shortened)

Wednesday 17th July Feria 10:30am Holy Communion

There is Holy Communion at 8.00am and Evensong at 4.15pm every Sunday throughout the year.

Calendar for July

Sunday 21st July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11am Sung Eucharist

Preacher Bishop Rowan Williams

Sidesperson David Berry

Voluntary Sonata 5, Allegro maestoso - F Mendelssohn

Wednesday 24th July St James the Apostle (tfrd)

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Mattins

Preacher Revd Patrick Cotton
Readings Jeremiah 30: 1-3 & 10-22

Acts 20: 17-32

First Lesson Katharine Horbury Second Lesson Elaine Durham Sidesperson Jane Blakemore

Voluntary Postlude in D – H Willan

12 Noon Holy Communion (shortened)

Wednesday 31st July Feria 10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th August Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11am Sung Eucharist

Preacher Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes

Epistle Dr the Hon Christopher Brightman

Sidesperson David Eastwood

Wednesday 7th August Transfiguration of Our Lord

10:30am Holy Communion

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