

S. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2018

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

The mystery of Easter is the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness, of grace over sin. God who made us for himself has restored us to himself by the Resurrection. It is a second creation for us that overcomes the waywardness of our sins. Out of sin and evil, out of Christ's passion and death, God creates a greater good. It is Christ's Resurrection - and it changes everything.

Christ has given his life for us so that his life might live in us. We are not only made adequate to the life of God, we are also invited to participate in the life of God now. We are given to walk in the ways which Christ Himself has prepared for us to walk in, the ways of service and selflessness for others, the ways of prayer and praise of God.

That life is the life of the Resurrection. It is about life that has taken death into itself and has overcome it. Death has been transformed into a way and not an end.

The radical meaning of Christ's Resurrection is that we are more than our sins and our sufferings, more than our brokenness and failings, more than our dying and our deaths. We are made for God and the Resurrection restores us to that relationship with God. It is the greatest possible affirmation of our human personality and individuality, the greatest possible affirmation of our souls and bodies as belonging to our spiritual identity in Christ. Our whole being finds its truth in Christ and his Resurrection.

The one thing needed of us is to rejoice in Christ's Resurrection.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Stephen.

Looking ahead

Confirmation—15th April. We are delighted to welcome Bp Rowan Williams back to celebrate and preach at the 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist on Sunday 15th April. He will also confirm Tamara Sword at that service. Please pray for her as she prepares to take this further significant step in her life of faith.

Her sons, Freddie and Jack, will be baptised during the Sung Eucharist on 29th July.

Annual Meetings—29th April. The Annual Meetings to elect two Churchwardens and members of the PCC and to hear reports on various matters, including new developments, will follow the 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist on Sunday 29th April at 12 Noon. Please come to discuss aspects of our common life together as the Christian community at St Botolph's.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—1-12 February 2019. The Bishop of Ely has announced that he is to lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next February, visiting many major sites associated with the life of Our Lord. Pilgrims typically return home with new insights into the roots of their faith and a greater sense of discipleship. The Diocesan website <http://www.elydiocese.org/event?id=7527> has further details.

Retirement of the Bishop of Huntingdon. Bishop David, who was our celebrant and preacher on Passion Sunday, has announced his retirement to Hereford with effect from 23rd September. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Stephen

FUTURE DATES THIS YEAR

Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May REFRESHMENTS, BOOKS & TOYS

Gifts of food and books, and help on the day, all warmly welcomed.

St Botolph's tide, 16th-17th June REFRESHMENTS, BOOKS & TOYS

Saturday 14th July REFRESHMENTS, BOOKS & TOYS

Saturday 8th September REFRESHMENTS, BOOKS & TOYS

Sunday 7th October HARVEST LUNCH

Saturday 1st December ADVENT FAYRE

Flower List for post-Easter flowers and the rest of the year is on the board—please sign it—no experience needed!

Summer Outing SATURDAY 9th JUNE

Booking forms are available for our excursion to Norfolk (coach fare £25). We plan to visit Cawston, Blickling, and Trunch (another St Botolph's), the day culminating in tea at Paston.

Items for the May Newsletter by Monday 30th April, please. K.H.

CALENDAR

EASTER DAY Sunday 1st April 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Procession & Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mr Barker; Refreshments, Eastwood

Voluntary: Praeludium in D—D. Buxtehude

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 4th April Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER / LOW SUNDAY 8th April

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Exodus 32.1–14, Mr Jarvis; 2. I Corinthians 15.35-end, Mrs. Durham
Preacher: The Reverend Dr Jonathan Holmes, Fellow of Queens'

Voluntary: Festal Flourish—Gordon Jacob

12 noon Holy Communion

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 11th *Annunciation of the B.V.M. / Lady Day* (transferred)

Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 15th April

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Confirmation (Prayer-book)

Epistle, Mrs. Irvine; Preacher: **Bishop Rowan Williams**

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in A—J. S. Bach

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 18th April 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 22nd April

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Ezekiel 37.1-14, Mr Hodson; 2. Luke 24.13-35, Mrs. Horbury

Preacher: The Priest-in-charge

Voluntary: Praeludium in F—D. Buxtehude

12 noon Holy Communion

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Tuesday 24th Parochial Church Council, 8.00 p.m., Church Room

Wednesday 25th *S. Mark the Evangelist* Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER Sunday 29th April

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Prayer-book); Epistle, Dr Hunter

Voluntary: Festival Voluntary—Flor Peeters

Annual Church Meetings after this service

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 2nd SS. Philip & James (transferred)

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER / ROGATION SUNDAY 6th May

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Prayer-book)

Epistle, Miss Josselyn; Refreshments, Josselyn

Preacher: The Priest-in-charge

Voluntary: Praeludium, Fuga and Ciacona—D. Buxtehude

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Monday 7th May Visitors' Day

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