



News from St Botolph's

June 2019

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends

During the past few years, the period between Ascension Day (30th May) and Whitsun or Pentecost (9th June) has been marked by a call to prayer under the banner of **Thy Kingdom Come**. The initiative came from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York but has grown into an international and ecumenical phenomenon.

After the very first Ascension Day, the disciples gathered with the Blessed Virgin Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

It is hoped that everyone will commit to pray each day to

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Ask for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- In so doing, come to realise that every aspect of their life can be the subject of prayer.

Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. We pray especially that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people we know by name who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

The Archbishop of Canterbury rather "cheekily" (his word) asked Pope Francis at a recent meeting for a message of encouragement, which he recorded on his mobile phone. Here is a transcript of what he said:

"Come Holy Spirit. This is the cry of all Christians [on this day of Pentecost]. Come Holy Spirit – the promise of the Father; the promise of Jesus. That the Holy Spirit might enlarge and widen our hearts.

We all have a problem that our hearts tend to shrink. Become smaller and closed. We cannot solve that problem by ourselves. Only the Holy Spirit can solve it.

*And to Jesus, thy kingdom come. The kingdom of the Father you came to announce. And to you, my brothers and sisters, with my brother Justin Welby, we want to tell you that we walk alongside you in this prayer" – **Thy Kingdom Come**.*

The Holy Spirit works through our praying, not always how we expect, but always to bring new birth, including surprised people of every kind. Let our prayer for 5 people be that Jesus Christ may become for them a world changing, life changing reality and so may Thy Kingdom Come.

Yours in the Risen and Ascended Christ

Stephen

Looking ahead

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

This major event, arranged in conjunction with the Prayer Book Society, is to promote the better understanding and greater usage of the Prayer Book. There is a separate flyer for the Programme, which begins with Evensong at 5:30pm, officiated by Bp Rowan Williams, at which he will also preach.

We are to provide a supper for all delegates and there is a need, please, for volunteers to assist with the provision of the supper and the clearing away afterwards. All offers of help to Sarah (Eastwood) please.

The purpose of arranging this event is to raise the profile of St Botolph's and its usage of the Prayer Book for worship. There are now over 70 delegates booked to attend, which with speakers and helpers, will mean that there will be something like 100 people to cater for.

Please, will you help with the evening?

Patronal Festival – Sunday 23rd June

Our celebrant and preacher at the 11am will be the Revd Canon Andrew Greany, Chantry Priest at Walsingham, and previously Vicar of Little St Mary's and our Rural Dean of Cambridge South.

A Visitor Day occurs the preceding day, Saturday 22nd June, for the sale of books and refreshments, plus the viewing of the garden. Offers of help please, in whatever capacity, to Katharine Horbury 01223 363529.

St Botolph's needs you!

Two of our Church officers have advised recently that due to the pressure of work and other responsibilities, they cannot commit to continuing in the current year. These are **Andrew Hodson**, who was to have been sworn in as Churchwarden for this year in succession to Katharine Horbury; and **Alys Irvine**, who has been PCC Secretary since 2017, in succession to her late mother, Veronica Baker. Both have had other involvements too in the life of the Church, from which they are also having to step back.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to them both for the generosity of their commitment to the wider life of St Botolph's over many years and these contributions will be very much missed.

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Additionally, Katharine Horbury, as well as now having retired from her role as Churchwarden, has also retired from her longstanding role of Sidesperson at the 11am service. This involves greeting everyone attending the service, welcoming visitors in particular and handing out (and receiving back) service books.

If you feel that you might be able to offer yourself for any of the Churchwarden, PCC Secretary or Sidesperson roles, please have a word with me or Sarah Eastwood to find out more.

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

PCC Treasurer. David Eastwood FCA, a chartered accountant, has succeeded **Dr Erica C D Hunter** as PCC Treasurer for the current year. Dr Hunter took over as Treasurer from Professor Tony Cockerill and we are grateful for her dedication and conscientiousness in undertaking the role in the past few years. We welcome David to his new responsibilities.

Walsingham – Saturday 3rd August

I am taking a group 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 me if you would like to know more or are interested in coming.

Stephen

Looking ahead

Heating St Botolph's

We are awaiting the outcome of the tender process currently for new heating panels and related work to increase our electrical capacity.

Flower rota

There is a flower rota on the noticeboard by the entrance on the right. Sarah Eastwood would be grateful for anyone able to sign up. At this time of year we need to refresh the flowers more often so the more help the better.

Calendar for June

Sunday	2nd June Sunday after Ascension
11.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Priest-in-charge</i>
<i>Epistle</i>	<i>Katharine Horbury</i>
<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>Andrew Skinner</i>
<i>Voluntary</i>	<i>Prealudium in D - D Buxtehude</i>

Wednesday	5th June Feria
10:30am	Holy Communion

Sunday	9th June Whitsunday
11.00am	Mattins
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Revd Vivienne Lake</i>
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 2.1-11 David Berry</i>
	<i>John 14.15-end Joanna Barker</i>
<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>David Berry</i>
<i>Voluntary</i>	<i>Epilogue - N Gilbert</i>

12 Noon	Holy Communion (shortened)
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Monday	10th June Eve of St Barnabas the Apostle
5:30pm	Evensong
<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	<i>- Bishop Rowan Williams</i>
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Isaiah 42: 5 -12 Elisabeth Marksteiner</i>
	<i>Acts 14: 8 – end Prudence Dailey</i>

9:00pm	Compline
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Wednesday	12th June Ember Day
10:30am	Holy Communion

Sunday	16th June Trinity Sunday
11.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Revd Patrick Cotton</i>
<i>Epistle</i>	<i>Elaine Durham</i>
<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>Andrew Skinner</i>
<i>Voluntary</i>	<i>Prelude and Fugue in E flat – J S Bach</i>

Calendar for June

Wednesday 19th June Feria

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd June Patronal Festival

11.00am Procession & Sung Eucharist

Preacher Revd Canon Andrew Greany Chantry Priest at Walsingham and sometime Vicar of LSM and Rural Dean of Cambridge South

Readings 2 Corinthians 6.1-10 Dan Jones

St Mark 6.30-34.

Sidesperson David Eastwood

Voluntary Sonata 2 Allegro Maestoso e vivace and Fugue - F Mendelssohn

Wednesday 26th June St Peter the Apostle (tfrd)

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th June The Second Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Preacher Priest-in-charge

Epistle Ginnie Norman

Sidesperson David Berry

Voluntary Sonata 4, Allegro con brio - F Mendelssohn

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 1 Peter 4: 7 - 10

Luke 7: 20 - 38

Epistle Cherry Quinn Evans

Sidesperson Andrew Skinner

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



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