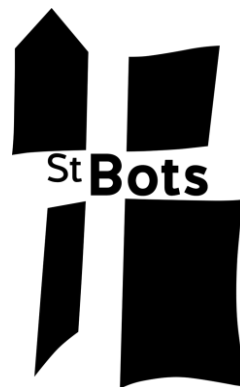


# 6:30pm 14.6.15

## St Bots Celebration

### Psalm 133

Musicians sing 'Oh how good it is'



Welcome and opening prayer - welcome visitor,  
notices

*One of the things that is brilliant to see are all the people involved in ministries at St Bots  
So tonight, we are celebrating all those who serve and committing ourselves again to  
Christ's service for the coming year.*

*Please take time to look through the Commissioning for Ministries sheet on your seat, look  
through for your ministry or ministries, see which group it is in and therefore decide when  
you will stand to be commissioned. For example, if you are a House Group Leader, you will  
stand when we mention the first group: Leadership Ministries.*

*If you are involved in several ministries, please stand to be commissioned for each of them,  
though some of us will prefer to stand and be commissioned only for our main ministry.  
(Music Group sing a song to us).*

Read: Ps 89:1-2 (looking back and being reminded of what God  
has done)

Song: To God be the Glory  
Give Thanks to the Lord

History Lesson: St Botolph - Abbot and saint from East Anglia, built  
monastery on land given. Boston = Botolph's town. Patron saint of  
travellers. (Want to know more Anne Pegg)

Prayer: giving thanks for the past (interview long standing  
member of the church about how they have seen God at work over  
the years? [...?])

How long have you been at St Bots?

Over those years can you think of 2-3 things which stand out in your  
mind of how God has been at work? [Ask them to pray]

Confession: p.40.4

Song: Behold Our God

Bible reading: Psalm 133

Talk: ML

**Song: O Great God**

Prayer & commissioning: for the current ministry (get people to stand who are involved in various areas of ministry.)

*So we come to our Celebration of Ministries and Commissioning or Re-commissioning for our various ministries.*

*Stand up when read out your area of ministry*

*We'll ask you questions about your commitment to Christ's service and to this Church Family – questions which are serious, but also show what a privilege Christian service is.*

*When we have asked the last question, all those standing say 'We will, with God's help'*

*There's no need to pause; please say that straightaway.*

*Then please remain standing for a prayer and for the words of Commissioning.*

*Invite up those who will be involved in the praying. [Mark, Nigel, Andy]*

#### **[Leadership Ministries:**

Churchwardens & deputy wardens, House Group Leaders, PCC, Deanery and Diocesan Synod members, Christianity Explored Course Leaders, Women's Bible Study Groups Leaders (including Refresh), 18-30's leaders, Clergy and their wives.]

**So first, will all those involved in Leadership Ministries, please stand**

Leader: Will you be faithful and diligent in your work of leadership; will you seek to be guided, in all your decisions, by the Scriptures and by the Holy Spirit; and will you be wise and humble shepherds of God's flock?

Ministers: **We will, with God's help.**

Prayer ***Father, we praise you for the leaders you have given to this Church Family: for their calibre, their commitment, their love for you. Keep us humbly dependent on you, and may our lives show that we are first and foremost servants of yours. In Jesus' name. Amen.***

Commissioning ***In the name of God, and of this Church Family, I commission you as leaders in this Church.***

#### **[Ministries of the Spoken and the Written Word:**

Lay Reader, Preachers, Service Leaders, Bible Readers in Services, Organisers of Bible Readers at Services, those involved with One2One Bible Reading Partnerships, Website maintainers, Those who prepare the slides for the services, PA and AV Operators.]

**Now those involved in Ministries of the Spoken and Written Word, please stand.**

Leader: Will you help us to grow as a church through listening and reading; Will you seek to ensure that your ministry to others does not prevent you from hearing God's word?

Ministers: **We will, with God's help.**

Prayer

Commissioning ***In the name of God and of this Church Family, I commission you as ministers of God's word in this Church.***

**[Pastoral and Evangelistic Ministries:**

Visiting Team and lay Pastors, Welcome team, Sidespeople, Evangelism Task Group members, Co-ordinator of Prayers for services, Monthly and occasional Prayer Group Leaders, Prayer Ministry team at Services, Prayer Chain co-ordinators, Baptism Preparation Leaders, Confirmation Group Leaders, Holy Communion Helpers, Marriage Preparation Leaders, Bereavement Visitors, Door-to-Door Visitors, Street Pastors, Men's and Women's Breakfast Leaders, More Than Gold sports ministry team, Organisers of Carols on the Green, Organisers of Church Family Weekend Away, Leaders & helpers of Potters Place & Coffee Shop, Afternoon Tea Service & Pilgrim's Adventure leaders & helpers, Leaders & helpers of Make & Play, those who are school Governors (particularly those at Hayfield Cross Primary School) or take Assemblies in schools, Hospital Visitors, Visitors to & those who leads services in Care Homes & Homes for the Elderly, CAP Money Team.]

***Those involved in Pastoral and Evangelistic Ministries, please stand.***

Leader: Will you befriend the newcomer, the questioner and the doubter, seeking to show them God's love and actively to share with them God's word; will you accept them as they are but also seek to lead them to Christ; will you care for the needy and distressed, the lonely and the infirm, and will you rejoice with those who are joyful; and will you do all this in a spirit of humble service, remembering that you are needy too?

Ministers: **We will, with God's help.**

Prayer

Commissioning ***In the name of God, and of this Church Family, I commission you as carers in this Church.***

**[Practical and Administrative Ministries:**

Church Administrator, Verger, Treasurer and those involved with Finances, Legacy Officer, Finance Task Group, Electoral Roll Officer, Legacy Officer, Fabric Task Group, Those who arrange the flowers in Church, Cleaners in the Church & Church House, Cleaning Church Linen, Coffee and Refreshments (after services and during the week), Gardening helpers, those who help with maintenance of the buildings, Secretarial help and helpers in the Office.]

***Those involved in Practical and Administrative Ministries, please stand.***

Leader: Will you seek to ensure that our Church Family life runs smoothly, happily and in a way that honours God; will you make sure, so far as you are able, that all the resources are present for the work God has called us to do; and will you pray over all your decisions, great and small, seeking to work in God's way?

Ministers: **We will, with God's help.**

Prayer

Commissioning ***In the name of God, and of this Church Family, I commission you as administrators in this Church.***

**[Music Ministries:**

Directors of Music, Those who choose the songs, Choir, Singers and Musicians in the Music Groups, Keyboard players, Bell ringers.

***Those involved in Music Ministries, please stand.***

Leader: Will you seek to use the gifts which you have been given, to the glory of God and in the service of Christ's church; will you work together as a team, never seeking to draw attention to yourself, always blending your contribution into the greater whole; will you give yourself to prayer for your ministry, humbly acknowledging that only with God's help is even the greatest gift of any true value?

Ministers: **We will, with God's help.**

Prayer

Commissioning ***In the name of God, and of this Church Family, I commission you as musicians in this Church.***

**[Home and Overseas Missions:**

Mission Task Group, those involved in writing to and communicating with our mission partners, those who have visited and hosted our mission partners.]

***Those involved in the work of Home and Overseas Missions, please stand.***

Leader: Will you seek to bring the needs of this country and of the world before us as a Church, educating us, helping us to pray and enabling some of us to work for Christ at home and overseas; will you yourselves pray earnestly about these needs and will you give your friendship unreservedly to those from different backgrounds or from other lands?

Ministers: **We will, with God's help.**

Prayer

Commissioning ***In the name of God, and of this Church Family, I commission you as ministers of the Worldwide Gospel, in this Church.***

**[Youth & Children's Ministries:**

Leaders in Grid & Link, JAM Club & Creche leaders & helpers, Holiday Club Leaders & Helpers, Safeguarding Officer.]

***Those involved in Children's and Youth Ministries, please stand.***

Leader: Will you give care to your work of befriending and teaching, knowing the great privilege of helping children & young people learn the Word of God; will you be guided always by the Scriptures, desiring to communicate their truths and never knowingly adding to them nor taking away from them; will you seek to develop contacts with the children's & Young people's parents; and will you keep as your great desire and prayer the leading of men and women, boys and girls, to Christ?

Ministers: **We will, with God's help.**

Prayer

***Father, we are so grateful for all who teach and care for our own children, and the children and young people of this town. Help these leaders always to honour you in how they live and what they say, so that through them many young people may be drawn to Christ and kept in Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.***

Commissioning ***In the name of God, and of this Church Family, I commission you as youth & children's leaders in this Church.***

[Ministry at work, at school, at home and in the Community:]

***And now those who see your principal Christian witness and ministry as being in your place of work or school, in the home or in voluntary work in the Community; for example: you're a Mum bringing up your children to know and love Christ, or you see your principal ministry as living and witnessing for Christ in your school or hospital or office, or some voluntary organisation: and this includes of course those of us who have already stood but you nevertheless feel your principal ministry is at work at school or in the community please stand.***

Leader: Will you seek to serve Jesus Christ consciously and diligently in your place of work or school, in your family, and in the community? Will you be both prayerful and active so that the highest standards of Christian integrity and morality are applied not only in your own work but throughout the institution or family or group where you serve? Will you not only commend Jesus Christ by your behaviour but pray for opportunities to speak of him to your colleagues and your children?

Ministers: **We will, with God's help.**

Prayer

Commissioning ***In the name of God, and of this Church Family, I commission you as servants of Christ in your place of work, in your school, in your home and in the community.***

**And now will all of us in church, please stand**

Leader: Will you seek to support all those who have been commissioned today and who minister in Christ's name? Will you pray for them and speak words of encouragement to them? Will you help them, as you are able, in their ministries, giving them your backing even when you are not especially involved in what they do? And will you enable them to carry out their work with joy?

All: **We will. We pledge them our support.**

***(Silence to thank God for those many who serve, and to commit ourselves – all of us – still more deeply to Christ's service and to draw on his strength)***

Prayer

***Father, we rejoice at all those who willingly and sacrificially serve you in St Botolph's. Use us to support, encourage, and serve alongside these our brothers and sisters who minister faithfully in your name. May we be slow to criticise them, and quick to praise them. We ask this so that we may please you, and may grow under Christ our head, to the glory of your name. Amen.***

**Ask people to sit**

***Mention:***

If you are not involved in Ministry at St Botolph's and might like to be, please contact one of the clergy or the Church Office.

We apologise for any ministries within our Church Family that we have omitted. Please tell the Church Office so that this can be set right for future years.

Song: Oh how good it is

Prayer: for the future [Kettering East & Barton Park, God's provision, general growth in numbers and discipleship], those going out...

Song: Christ Triumphant (new tune)

Prayer: Heb 10:19-25

Reminder of prayer ministry...