

What's happening next week?

- **Monday 23rd October**
7:30pm Bell Ringers
- **Tuesday 24th October**
8:00pm Home Groups meet
- **Wednesday 25th October**
- **Thursday 26th October**
10:30am - 12:00pm Firm Foundations
- **Friday 27th October**
- **Saturday 28th October**

Services at St Botolph's Sunday 29th October

- 9:15am Morning Service
- 11:00am Morning Service
- 6:30pm Holy Communion

Clergy Rest Days w/c 23rd October

Andy Clark - Saturday

Church Yard Tidy Up

Thank you to all those who assisted last Saturday in church yard and Church House garden maintenance. Its an ongoing and major task, so very much appreciated.

"BIRDS" QUIZ

Thanks to those who bought the "Birds" quiz in aid of Harvest for the Hungry. 37 entries were returned and exactly £200 was raised after the £10 prize was deducted.

The winner was Roz Astill, of Woodford. A copy of the answers is pinned on the notice board in Church House.

BUNGALOW FOR RENT

A bungalow in Rectory Walk will be available for rent from mid November.

Initial contact for details: Rob Cowan on 01832 273 492 or 07968 411 219

Contact details

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(Opening Hours Mon - Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm.)

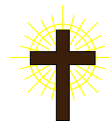
China

Gao Zhisheng is a Chinese Christian human rights lawyer who's been targeted by the authorities because of his work defending human rights. He was 'disappeared' multiple times between 2006 and 2011 and from 2011-2014 he was in prison and unable to see his family or lawyers - since then he's spoken of being tortured during this time. Released in 2014 and placed under house arrest, Gao was then abducted again in August this year. He's currently being held in custody in Beijing, but his family have once again been unable to see him.

Gao's daughter Grace is currently in the UK to talk about her father and what it's been like for her family in this difficult situation.

Please pray:

- For God to provide strength and endurance for Gao Zhisheng in his latest imprisonment
- That Gao would be released soon and able to return to his family
- For God to also provide Grace with energy and strength, both physically and emotionally, as she talks about her father's work.



St Botolph's Church Family News 22nd October 2017 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity



Refreshments following the 9:15 am Service

Please join us for refreshments which will be served today after the 9:15am service in Church House. If you are new to St Botolph's please join us for coffee so we can get to know you better by chatting over a cuppa. Squash is also available.



Services 22nd October

- 9:15am Morning Service**
Revelation 7:9-17 p1032
- 11:00am Morning Service**
Jeremiah 7:1-15 p634
- 6:30pm Evening Service**
2 Samuel 21:1-6&14 p273



"After this I looked, and behold a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands."

Rev 7:9

Evening Service 2 Samuel 21:1-6 & 14

David Avenges the Gibeonites

Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year. And David sought the face of the LORD. And the LORD said, "There is bloodguilt on Saul and on his house, because he put the Gibeonites to death."² So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the people of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites. Although the people of Israel had sworn to spare them, Saul had sought to strike them down in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah. ³ And David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you?" And how shall I make atonement that you may bless the heritage of the LORD?" ⁴ The Gibeonites said to him, "It is not a matter of silver or gold between us and Saul or his house; neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." And he said "What do you say that I shall do for you?" ⁵ They said to the king, "The man who consumed us and planned to destroy us, so that we should have no place in all the territory of Israel, ⁶ let seven of his sons be given to us, so that we may hang them before the LORD at Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD". And the king said, "I will give them"...

¹⁴ And they buried the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father. And they did all that the king commanded. And after that God responded to the plea for land.

A LOVELY STORY FROM ST BOTOLPH'S HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY

When dealing with St Botolph's Harvest for the Hungry envelopes, one gift which gave special pleasure was a bulging envelope, absolutely crammed with 5p pieces plus a few other coins. The total came to £10, and was from two young children. Clearly they had raided their pocket money savings, in order to help less fortunate people. It would seem that these two children have already begun to understand the meaning of sacrificial giving. Well done, you two, you have been an inspiration to some of us older people.

Derek Wade

St Botolph's PCC - Summary of Meeting on 25th September

Business and Finance Task Group

Further information about stewardship has not been put in CFN recently as so much has been going on, but information such as the financial forecast will soon be included in CFN.

Fabric Task Group

A lot of work has been done in the front entrance to Church House and thanks given to Rob Cowan, Peter Jackson and Kieran Nunley in particular.

The work still has to be approved by the borough council.

The ramp has been installed as a temporary solution until the council comes back to the church about the permanent solution.

Mission Task Group

Harvest for the Hungry has been very successful. (See opposite)

Evangelism Task Group

In the first week of December Nina Neathercoat would be visiting, and the Carols on the Green weekend would be taking place. Easter Holiday Club is still due to take place next year and a group is to meet and start from scratch soon.

Church PC & AV Systems

There have been problems not predicted with the church computer. Funds for a new computer have been donated, and research done to ensure any new computer would be compatible with present and potential future systems, so one is now to be ordered.

(Delivered)

The AV system is ageing and there are a number of dead spots in the church. The speakers need upgrading. Andy is seeking quotes from companies about upgrading the system.

Christmas Shopping

I'm sorry to drone on, but if you do any shopping online this year, please consider doing it through the "easyfundraising" website with St Botolph's as your nominated cause.

Its easy - in your web browser, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and click on "search for a cause". St Botolph's, Barton Seagrave is already there. Then follow the onscreen instructions to join, shop & collect. Major retailers have joined, e.g. Sainsbury's, Argos, Amazon, Lakeland, John Lewis & Tesco.

Donations from them vary, a typical example is 1.5%. The funds are automatically forwarded to St Bots.

There is no extra cost to yourself.

Saturday Prayer Hour

Will continue on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 10:00am in the Panelled Room of Church House.

- 4th November
- 2nd December

England Rugby Autumn Internationals

- 11th Nov 3pm (Argentina)
- 18th Nov 3pm (Australia)
- 25th Nov 3pm (Samoa)

Screening of games at The Stirrup Cup, Barton Seagrave

Please join a group of us from St Bots and our friends and help raise the profile of an active church in the village.

Regular attendance at the Stirrup (sporting tv events, Sunday evening quiz team, Thursday Jazz nights) would potentially be a really positive way to develop our role and relationships in the community.



St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave invite ladies to an

ADVENT CRAFT EVENING

Friday 1st December
7.30-10p.m.



Mulled wine, Christmas treats

and short Christmas message

Church House

Tickets £6

Help us to enfold our church family with prayer. Please pray for these people this week:



- Christine Eyre
- Sharon Stirling & family following the death of Margaret Cooper, Sharon's mother.
- Matt Simper

Sermon Recordings

At the moment we are unable to be sure that sermons will be recorded for every service. This is due to the breakdown of the church computer.

The new computer has been delivered and will be set up as soon as possible, so normal service should resume shortly.

Thank you for your patience.

HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY RESULT!

Amazing! Terrific! Superb!

Wonderful! They all apply to you, and other expressions like them.

You really came up trumps yet again. Once again, the fellowship that is St Botolph's surpassed the previous year's record total. Only once in 25 years have you not managed to do that.

This year you gave a massive total of **£5071.15** for Harvest for the Hungry, overtaking last year's total by well over £1000. There were over 100 individual gifts, which indicates just how many of you participated this year (many of these will have been from couples).

THANK YOU SO MUCH, ON BEHALF OF THE SUFFERING PEOPLE OF EASTERN EUROPE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE FOOD PARCELS BOUGHT WITH THIS MONEY.

The only downside is that you have now set a vast total to challenge us next year – oh well, we'll worry about that at the time.

Praise God for giving you generous hearts.

Derek Wade



St. Botolph's Visiting Team

Please let one of our visiting team

know if there is anyone you think would appreciate a visit.

Jim Rouse - 722594

Alice Spence - 726291

Kate Curnock - 484555

Nancy Williams - 516133

Bible by the Beach

"Faithful in a Changing World"

4th - 7th May 2018. Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne. Speakers include:-

Jeremy McQuoid

Jonty Allcock

Graham Beynon

Glynn Harrison

Lee McMunn

Emma Scrivener

Simon Vibert



For more information visit

www.biblebythebeach.org

There are discounts for group bookings, failing that book before 30 November to save £10.00 per person.

Christmas Diary

You may feel this is a bit early, but here is a summary of our Christmas Events. If you feel anything ought to be added or amended, please let Paul know.

1st Dec	Ladies Craft Evening
3rd Dec	Advent Afternoon Tea Service Christingle at St Edmund's at 4pm
6th Dec	LINK Christmas Meal
7th Dec	Eighty Christmas Party
10th Dec	Family Carols Carols on the Green
14th Dec	Potters Place Christmas Lunch
17th Dec	Joint Service at 10am Carols by Candlelight at 5pm & 7pm
19th Dec	Make & Play Christmas Party
24th Dec	Joint service with St Edmund's (at St Bots) at 10am Christingle at St Bots at 4pm Midnight Communion at 11.30pm
25th Dec	St Edmund's Christmas Morning Service at 9am Christmas Morning Celebration at St Bots at 10am, followed by short service of Holy Communion
31st Dec	All Age Service at 10am