

What's happening next week?

- **Monday 18th December**
1:00pm Staff meeting
7:00pm Wardens meet
7:30pm Bell Ringers
- **Tuesday 19th December**
9:30am Make & Play
Christmas Party
- **Wednesday 20th December**
9:30am Ladies Bible Study
8:00pm LINK
- **Thursday 21st December**
7:30pm Teaghty
- **Friday 22nd December**
- **Saturday 23rd December**
- **Sunday 24th December**
See opposite
- **Monday 25th December**
10:00am Christmas Morning
Celebration followed
by short service of
Holy Communion

Hope UK

Hope UK (National Christian Drug Education Charity) are seeking a Deputy CEO to be based in Kettering. Full details are on a poster in Church House.

Christmas Shopping

Don't forget *easyfundraising*. Shop online at (for example)

Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's, TK Maxx, Amazon, eBay & House of Fraser.

The latest total is **£1,254.91** raised to date. That's not all this year!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Services at St Botolph's Sunday 24th December

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| 10:00am | Joint All Age Service
(with St Edmund's) |
| 4:00pm | Christingle Service |
| 11:30pm | Holy Communion |

Clergy Rest Days w/c 18th December

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| Mark Lucas | - | Friday |
| Andy Clark | - | Saturday |

Winter Glory

"Planting the Heavens"
January 27th 2018

Kettering Conference Centre

A Christian conference to encourage & equip women in the East Midlands.

Guest speakers

Amy Orr-Ewing & Tanya Walker
from the Zacharias Trust.

For full details & to buy your ticket visit :

www.winterglory.co.uk

Christmas Greeting Board

Wish a Happy Christmas to St Bots family the Greetings Board in church. You can make a donation in the collection tin below the board. Bring your card and pin it to the board. This year the nominated charity is *Kettering Food Bank*.



St Botolph's Church

Family News

17th December 2017
Third Sunday of Advent



Refreshments following the 10:00 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 17th December

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| 10:00am | Joint Morning Service
Isaiah 11:1-9 p575 |
| 5:00pm | Carols by Candlelight |
| 7:00pm | Carols by Candlelight |



"There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him ..."

Isaiah 11:1,2

Prayer Points - China, December

Give thanks for overseas Christian families serving in China. May they experience rest and renewal during this season and enjoy Christmas celebrations with their families. Please pray for expatriate children in China spending their first Christmas away from their home country. May they experience God's presence and peace this Christmas.

Children's and Youth Choir

Calling ALL singers - Primary and Secondary aged!

It's that time again! And we're wanting to put together a children's and youth choir for our Christingle service on Christmas Eve.

If your child/teenager would like to sing and they are free from 3.15pm on Christmas Eve until after the Christingle Service then read on!

We are going to sing 'Silent Night'. There will be a choir practice today (17th) after the 10am service, and at 3.15pm on Christmas Eve so it's vital to use the time in between to learn the words to the song! (google it!).

Please speak to me if you are interested.

Thank you! Kirsty Clark

Churches Together Christmas Day Lunch

The team organising this year's Christmas Day lunch being held in St Edward's church hall has reported that good progress is being made.

Contributions would still be very welcome - of money by cheque via St Edward's and of cash, supplies and volunteers (Christmas Eve and / or Christmas Day) via the organising team - on 07584 207019 or frank@spokeguards.co.uk

Contact details

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E-mail: ken.ansdell@ntlworld.com

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

Youth and Children's Band

We are aiming to have our youth and children's band again on Christmas Eve at the Christingle Service.

Please let me know if you have an instrument and would be able to play (piano sorted!) If you think you may only manage one or two of the songs then that is totally fine! Just come and have a go!

Once I know who we have I'll give out music ASAP so that you can practise at home. There will be a band practise before the Christingle service starting at 2.30pm and it's essential that you come to that!

All tinsel and Christmas jumpers/hats compulsory on the day! Let me know if you are interested. *Kirsty Clark*

Joint Benefice Service

The 10:00am All Age service on Christmas Eve will be held jointly with St Edmund's, Warkton.

It's a marvellous chance to worship together at Christmas, so please come along if you are able to.

ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

The St Botolph's Prayer Diary is being updated.

The purpose of the prayer diary is to enable every person in the Fellowship to be prayed for at least once every month by all those using the prayer diary as a guide. There can be few greater blessings that to be prayed for by name by all the fellowship.

The updated version of the prayer diary contains the names of all those in the current church directory.

If you are not in the current church directory, and would like to be included in the updated prayer diary, please complete the enclosed slip and give to Derek Wade or email him with the information.

(d.wade73@btinternet.com).

We will only use your names in the prayer diary, but if we also have the other information it will save us bothering you again when the church directory is itself updated.

Confirmation Service

There will be a Confirmation Service at St Bots on Sunday 11th February 2018 at 6:30pm. Bishop Rod Thomas of Maidstone will preside.

There will be 3 preparation sessions will be held in advance of the date.

If you would like more information about Confirmation and the service, please speak with Andy or Mark.

Ecclesiastical Insurance

To celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ecclesiastical is offering to donate £130 to church when a new home insurance policy is taken out with them.

Ecclesiastical's TRUST130 offer is open until December 2018 to give as many opportunities as possible to receive Ecclesiastical donations.

To get a quote go to

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/foryou/insurance/homeinsurance/trust130>



St Botolph's PCC - Summary of Meeting on 20th November

Finance

The rental charges for Church House, the Church House flats and for use of the Church were due for review. The plan is to increase rental fees by 3%. Other fees were reviewed and approved.

Fabric

Proposed plans for the Church tower area have been drawn up and will be circulated in due course. There is an optional rearrangement of seating to obtain approximately 30 more seats. The sound system may need to take any re-arrangement into effect.

Evangelism & MTG

Christmas events were discussed, many of which have since occurred. For example Deck the Hall at the Village Hall and Mission Go. (Both successful)

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Policy has been updated and approved.

St Botolph's Website

Don't forget to visit :
"www.stbots.church" for more information

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

- Harry & June Eastwood
- Joel, Martin, Louise & family
- Maurice Haynes
- Christine Eyre
- Bob Hart
- Matt Simper



Collection Box for Martin, & Lou

Martin & Lou are incurring considerable expenses travelling to & from Oxford for Joel and hotel accommodation.

There is a collection box in church should you wish to help financially.

Many thanks.

Message from Nerena

Nerena is so sorry not to have been able to visit us last weekend due to flu and infection.

She is so grateful for our support and prayers, and looks forward to coming another time.

Nerena flies back to South Africa on 28 December. Please pray for renewed good health, good travelling and wisdom as she plans for the coming university term.

Church Flowers

I am now compiling the rota for 2018, if you would like to join us we have a few places to be filled. We ask if you would place flowers in an arrangement or a vase once a year.

Some of us are now getting a little older and would like the tradition to carry on as it has been for many years.

Contact Sandy Frost 01536 725993.

Saturday Hour of Prayer

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

- 6th January
- 3rd February

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

Christmas Diary

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



What A Boy Wants For Christmas

Darren remembers accompanying his father out shopping in the toy department of Hamleys one Christmas Eve.

Dad said, 'What a marvellous train set. I'll buy it.'

The girl behind the counter looked pleased and murmured, 'Great, I'm sure your son will really love it.'

Dad replied with a glint in his eye, 'Maybe you're right. In that case I'll take two.'

