

St Botolph's Church

Family News

12th July 2020

Fifth Sunday after Trinity



Services 12th July

Online Service (Available from 9:15am)

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Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Services week commencing 13th July

Live stream of Morning Prayer at 8:00am -
Seven days a week

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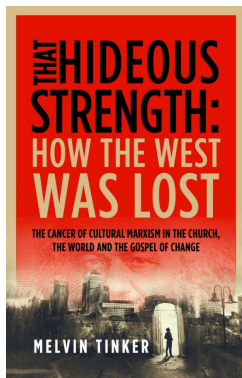
Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

[10 of those](#)

The Good Book Company

Many Christian young adults and teenagers have hard questions about their faith. Many non-Christians do, too. Michael and Carl take nine of the hardest, such as "Doesn't Jesus ruin your fun?" "Why is there so much suffering?" and "What does Jesus really think about being gay?" These aren't questions with easy answers; but, as they show, they are questions that have good answers. Written for people of all backgrounds and beliefs, it's a book that is short but not simplistic, and clear but not condescending.



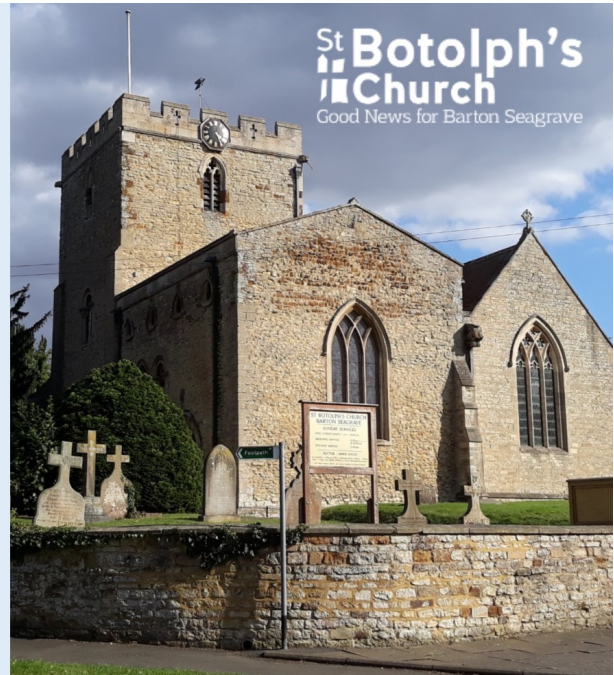
C.S. Lewis readers will identify the main title of this new book: Melvin Tinker uses Lewis's prescient fiction work as a launchpad for a fascinating look at the rapidly changing worldview of Western civilisation. Too often books dealing with these issues are academically inclined and not accessible by the ordinary reader: that is not the case here. Based on a lecture delivered at GAFCON in June 2018, this book will stimulate thinking and open the eyes of Christians to the dangers of the worldview relentlessly promoted by the media.



Open for prayer

From 21st June, St Botolph's Church will be open for prayer each Sunday from 2-4pm.

Social distancing will be in operation as per government guidelines.



Easing of Lockdown Restrictions

On Tuesday 23rd June, the government announced easing of restrictions on lockdown. To a limited extent, places of worship can plan to re-open from 4th July.

Mark has written a blog piece covering where St Botolph's and St Edmund's stand at present in relation to that.

Please take time to read it at <https://stbotsblog.wordpress.com/>

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

- Graham and Helen Tilney & family
- Don Cash & Family
- Family of Steve Frost
- Debbie Palmer & family
- Family of David Goodlad
- Diana Ellis & family
- Philippa Simper & family
- Ron Eyre & family
- Maurice Haynes
- Tina McMillan & family
- Family of Les Adams

St Botolph's My ChurchSuite

My ChurchSuite is a computer and smart phone information system that is available to St Botolph's fellowship should you wish to join. It is part of a larger church management system - "ChurchSuite"

To see more detail go to [St Botolph's Blog](#).



If you are not already a member and would like to join My ChurchSuite please email admin@stbots.church

Hymn for the day

1st-31st July

<https://hymnsocietygbi.org.uk>



LIFEWORDS
prayer

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We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed.

We are perplexed, but not driven to despair.

We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God.

We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

How are you doing?

The impact of Covid-19 on lives, families, jobs, future plans, and church life has been relentless – affecting us all deeply. The impact of the death of George Floyd in the USA – the latest in a long line of Black American men and women who have died in police related incidents – has focussed the world on racial justice and the need for change.

There is a groundswell for a different, more just way to live together. All of this is impacting our everyday lives – our hearts, minds, and spirits – as we each try to understand, and grapple with our own responses.

Lockdown Humour



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