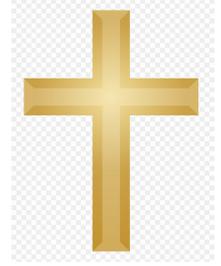


St Botolph's Church

Family News

9th August 2020

Ninth Sunday after Trinity



Services 9th August

Online Service (Available from 9:15am)

Evening Prayer - 6:30pm

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Services week commencing 10th August

Monday - Thursday

Live stream of Morning Prayer at 8:00am

Friday

Freestyle Friday at 8:00am

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Romans 12:9

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

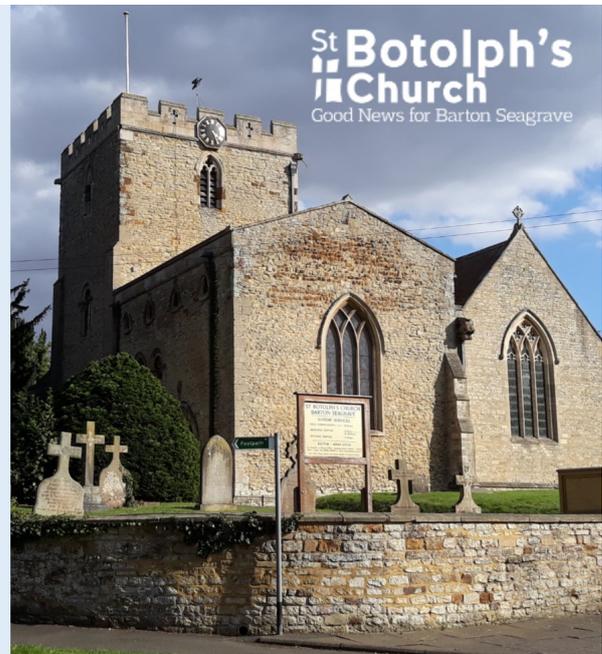
Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

St. Bot's Re-opens

Sunday 2nd August, 6.30pm

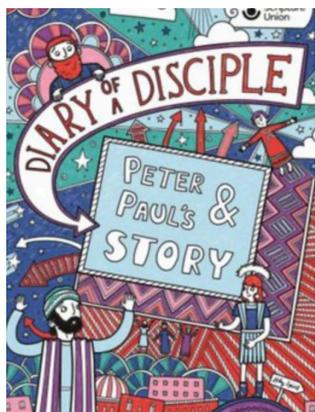
Social distancing and other measures will be in place

If you would like to attend, please email admin@stbots.church or call 01536 414052



Also this Sunday **9th August**. Again if you intend to come to church on Sunday evening and haven't emailed or called the office, please do.

The Good Book Company

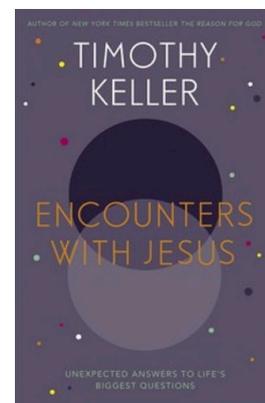


Sheep falling from the sky, bald heads, fiery heads and wrinkly noses, boys falling out of windows, people throwing rocks, storms and shipwrecks, prisons and fish biscuits?! This contemporary retelling of the book of Acts uses a quirky, accessible doodle style, offering a way into the Bible for the next generation.

10 of Those

In *Encounters With Jesus*, New York Times–bestselling author and renowned pastor Timothy Keller explores Jesus' answers to life's biggest questions by showing what happened to those who met Jesus personally.

Timothy Keller highlights ten of these encounters, including his meeting a sceptical student, a religious insider and an outcast, and proves how invaluable the lessons from these encounters are for contemporary readers.



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

Christianity Explored Online

3-week series of videos and discussion via 'Zoom' led by Rev Mark Lucas beginning **Monday 10th August (7.30 - 9:00 pm)**

An opportunity for enquiry into the Christian faith, a chance to ask questions and look for answers in a relaxed and informal setting.

Please think and pray about friends, neighbours, work colleagues or family, or church family members, who might be interested in this and invite them to sign up.

You might like to join with a guest in order to support and encourage them.

Email nickjohnson15@icloud.com to register an interest, sign up or simply pass on the name of someone you think might find this course beneficial.



WHAT IS
CHRISTIANITY?

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INDIA

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Prayer Diary: India

2 Aug 2020



As the world's largest lockdown continues to affect communities across India, our contacts have been supporting those in need. However, there have been reported incidents of Christians delivering aid being falsely accused of conversion.

On 25 August the community of Kandhamal in Odisha State will mark 12 years since the worst outbreak of anti-Christian violence in India's history. Almost 100 people died and tens of thousands were left homeless, after false accusations spread that Christians were responsible for the murder of a prominent Hindu monk. Seven Christians were jailed for their alleged role in the murder, and although they were released on bail last year, the case is still ongoing. Tensions persist in the area.

More recently, on 4 June a 14-year-old Christian boy was brutally murdered after being kidnapped from his home by assailants.

Violence against Christians continues to the present day, with families being attacked and ostracised from their villagers because of their faith.

In May three families in a village in Chhattisgarh State were beaten and threatened with death for refusing to abandon their religion. The families had to flee for their lives, and have taken refuge in another location.

- Thank God for the overwhelming courage, generosity and selflessness shown by those who are providing rations and groceries to Christian families who have lost incomes and are facing livelihood challenges, during the current lockdown.
- Pray that God will bring willing hearts to help this effort.

- Pray that they will be protected from the virus, as well as from those who would wish them harm. Declare that no weapon formed against Christians during the lockdown would prosper, particularly in Odisha State.
- One of our contacts has asked us to pray that he will be able to find a permanent hall to be used for prayer. Pray that God will provide this for him.
- Pray for all law enforcement officers to administer their duties with integrity and impartiality.
- Pray that the accusations against Muslims as being responsible for the spread of the coronavirus will stop. Continue to pray for reconciliation between Hindus and Muslims.
- Pray that the prolonged Kandhamal litigation against the seven Christians will come to an end soon, and justice will be done for those affected by the violence.

Heavenly Father, we commit to you today the religious minority communities of India. Thank you for their incredible generosity of spirit in providing aid and medical supplies. And we pray that this pandemic will be a turning point when India's people and government acknowledge that the religious minorities living among them should have equal rights and equal respect. We commit all this to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.
(Proverbs 25:21)**

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