

Christmas is NOT cancelled!

We are hoping to do as much as we can over Christmas (*safely and within current guidelines*).

As the situation is constantly changing due to Covid-19 all our plans are subject to last minute changes!

Please keep checking the **Christmas Page** of our website for more details of all our events and the most up to date plans.

Some highlights to look out for...

Roving Advent Calendar

each day of advent a different window in the area will be decorated and lit up telling the Christmas story. Can you find them all?

Nativity In the Garden

13th Dec 4.00pm & 6.00pm in Church House Garden (booking required)

Christingle

20th Dec 4.00pm & 5:30pm in St Botolph's Church (booking required)

Christmas Eve Service

24th Dec 5pm (on our YouTube channel)

Midnight Prayer Service at St Edmunds Warkton

24th Dec 11:30pm (booking required)

Christmas Day Service

25th Dec 10.00am (on our YouTube channel)

(Remember this programme is subject to change)

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St Botolph's Church
Family News



22nd November 2020

The Sunday next before Advent

Christmas
Hope

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See what's going on...

stbots.org.uk



Collect for The Sunday next before Advent

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Message from Andy

I don't know if it's because of lockdown and the fact that people need something to look forward to or focus on, but talk of Christmas seems to have started earlier than normal this year.

I've even heard of some who have put up their Christmas trees already!

Well, I have to say we have been having to think long and hard about Christmas at St Bots, and what we can and can't do, or might and might not be able to do. Anyway we have some ideas which, hopefully will be flexible enough to work in our uncertain times. We have over 3,000 Christmas cards being delivered in the next week or so, with details of some of our main events.

We want to get the message out to as many people as possible that "Christmas is **NOT** cancelled!" We need your help to do this - there are posters (for your window) & spare cards available at Church house. We also have a social media package which will be available shortly. Please pray as our publicity goes out, that people will hear about, and engage with what we are doing, so they can hear about the Hope we have in Jesus. Visit the St Bots web page for up to date information at "www.stbots.org.uk"



LIMITED PLACES MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE

Ladies, join us for a virtual Homemade Christmas premiering on Friday 27th

November at 7.30pm via YouTube.

Invite a friend, watch demos, Christmas talk. Provide your own drinks, nibbles and scissors!

Craft boxes £5 - available to order now...

from Rachel - rmsamways@yahoo.com

or Lindsay - motherbenn@gmail.com

(Boxes already ordered are currently being delivered)

What's happening next week?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday 22nd November
9.15am Family Service (on YouTube)• Monday 23rd November
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
9.30am Refresh (via Zoom)
1.00pm Staff meeting• Tuesday 24th November
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)• Wednesday 25th November
8.00am Morning Payer (on YouTube)
9.30am Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)
10-12noon Private Prayer (in Church)
8.00pm Link (via Zoom) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 26th November
8:00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
10.00am Staff meeting
7.30pm 1Eighty (via Zoom)• Friday 27th November
8.00am Morning Prayer (on YouTube)
7.30pm Ladies Craft Night (on YouTube) |
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The Christmas We Didn't Expect

The Christmas story is one surprise after another. But sometimes the details become so familiar that they lose their impact.

These Advent reflections, written by David Mathis, help us to dwell deeply on the most stunning and significant event in the history of the world: that God himself became one of us.

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Count down to Christmas with a Jesse Tree



Designed with 4 -8 year olds in mind, the Jesse Tree Collection consists of a book of 25 bible stories, complete with references and a prayer for each day leading up to Christmas, along with 25 hand stitched ornaments, all in a storage bag. (Please note that the tree as shown is NOT included.) Each collection costs £25.

For an additional £5, you can have 25 numbered drawstring bags to hang up your advent calendar. There is room in each bag for a small additional treat if required (not supplied!).

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