



St Botolph's Church



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FEBRUARY

2/26

At St Botolph's we will be celebrating our Ash Wednesday Service at our Midweek Holy Communion service on Thursday 19th February at 11.00am.

Easter comes early this year, Easter Day is 5th April. This means that Lent starts early too, Ash Wednesday falls on 18th February. It often feels to me like Lent comes surprisingly quickly after Christmas and Epiphany, I barely feel ready for. The season of Lent, though, is a good counter to the excesses of Christmas. It brings us back down to earth as we move towards Easter. Where Christmas is a season of excess, Lent is a season of fasting and self-denial. We remember that the child born at Christmas gave up everything for us. In the Getty's hymn 'Across the Lands' we sing the words, He 'exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross'.

Of course, Lent starts with Ash Wednesday (after we have our pancakes the day before). Our 11am Thursday service that week, 19th February, will be an Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion. Come and join us and we'll get Lent off to a good start together.

NOTICES

Prayer Corner Please pray for those in our congregation known to us who are ill or suffering in any way particularly those who have lost someone recently, may they know the peace of God in their lives and be restored according to God's will.

Northampton Women's Conference 2026 on 28th February - 'God with us' at Moulton Church. Bookings opened on Monday 26th January. The speaker is Anja Schmidt, senior women's worker at Euston Church, London. Full details of seminars and booking details available - see events page on the website

<https://www.mgpnorthampton.org.uk> for latest information.

Women's Ministry - The Women's Ministry team at St Bot's host 4-5 seasonal events for women each year. From Saturday breakfasts to Advent Craft events, with engaging speakers and encouragement from the Bible. We would love to welcome you, details of upcoming events can always be found on the Church's web page at;

[Women's Ministry - St Botolph's Church](#)

Men's Ministry - The Men's Ministry meet on the first Monday of each month and we invite all men to join us for a chat, play games, drink tea and coffee and be encouraged by a short talk. It's a really informal, relaxed evening that's open to all men. Why not come along the next time we meet which will be on **Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm in Church House**. Details of upcoming events can always be found on the Church's web page at;

[Men's Ministry - St Botolph's Church](#)

Shareplan 2026 - Dragan and Sandra Nedic are our Mission Partners leading a church in Sarajevo. A group from St Bots visited in October. We will be giving them a lovegift (Shareplan) next year and raising the money over this year. A personal gift to our friends enables them to meet their personal needs. Life has been challenging for them and Dragan has worked hard to build relationships with the local disadvantaged Roma community. Resources are tight and a lot of work needs to be done on their church building and we are also contributing to that separately. Leaflets are available from Sheila M, Linnet, Chris H, at the back of church and mission board church house and the mission page church website if you'd like more information.

Real Change - There will be a new Real Change Course starting on Wednesday 11th March @7.30pm in Church. Introduction will be on March 4th followed by 6 sessions on 11th, 18th, 25th March and 15th, 22nd, 29th April. More details available by registering your interest via the website julie@stbots.church

Church Cleaning – A Call to Serve Serving one another is an important part of our Christian devotion, and caring for our shared worship space is a vital ministry in the life of the church. We are again asking for help with church cleaning. This essential work takes no longer than one hour and can be done at a time that fits around your schedule. A rota is already in place, meaning your commitment would be just one hour every eight weeks. If you would like more information or wish to register your interest, please contact Heather in the church office.

Follow our website link to watch each Sunday 10.00am service on YouTube live:

<https://www.youtube.com/@StBots/featured>

Services @ St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave & St Edmund's Church, Warkton during January

Thursday 5th February

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Thursday 12th February

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Thursday 19th February

11.00am Ash Wednesday Service
Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 26th February

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Sunday 1st February

8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Prayer (Live Stream)
6.30pm Evening Prayer
12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Edmund's

Sunday 8th February

10.00am Morning Prayer (Live Stream)
6.30pm Holy Communion
12noon Holy Communion at St Edmund's

Sunday 15th February

8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion (Live Stream)
6.30pm Evening Prayer
12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's

Sunday 22nd February

10.00am Morning Prayer (Live Stream)
12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Important Dates in February

Monday 2nd, 9th & 23rd Refresh (Bible study for young mums) 9.30am in Church House

2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd Christianity Explored 7:30pm (39 Widdowson Way, Barton Seagrave, NN15 4BL)

Tuesday 3rd, 10th & 24th St Bot's Tots 9.30am in Church House

3rd Prayer United 7.30pm in Church House

10th Coffee Morning at 10.30am Warkton St Edmund's Church

Wednesday 4th, 11th & 25th LINK (youth group) at 8.00pm in Church House

Thursday 5th Coffee shop 10.30am in Church House

5th, 12th & 26th Thursday Bible Club (for children in school years 3-6) at 4.30pm in Church House

5th, 12th & 26th 1Eighty (youth group) at 7.30pm in Church House

Saturday 14th Who Let The Dads Out? (for men and their young children) at 9.00am in Church House

21st Saturday Hour of Prayer 9.00am in Church House

28th Northampton Women's Conference 2026 - 'God with us' at 9.00am at Moulton Church.

Special Dates for your Diary

Christianity Explored Monday, 2nd March 2026 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Men's Ministry Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm will be a music night hosted by Graham, in Church House.

Real Change Course Introduction Wednesday 4th March 7.30pm in Church

The deadline for articles for inclusion in our March Newsletter is Sunday 22nd February.

Please email them to jimroughton@stbots.church

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