



St Botolph's Church



St Edmund's Church



JANUARY

1/26

Another New Year! They seem to come around ever more quickly as I get older. I used to enjoy seeing the New Year in, but now I'm more tempted just to go to bed. After all, what's to celebrate? Well, there is actually a great deal. Another year full of promise and opportunity is a gift that we shouldn't take for granted. Why not determine to begin each day with God this year? Reading the Bible has never been easier, there are a number of phone and tablet 'apps' available offering helpful reading plans, YouVersion bible app is a good one. And brings your day to him each morning in prayer. He will bless you, and it could change your life. Make this year one to celebrate.

Mark

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.

Understanding Anxiety'. A date for your diary: on Sunday 18th January 2026 @ 3pm, Dr Steve Midgley will be leading a seminar here at St.Botolph's. As Christians, how should we understand our own anxiety or that of others. And how can we respond with biblical wisdom? Steve is Executive Director of Biblical Counselling UK and co-author of *Mental Health and Your Church*. The register you your interest or just to look go to the St Bots webpage and Click on the Understanding Anxiety picture at: <https://www.stbots.org.uk/whats-on/>

Christianity Explored is a relaxed and informal way of sharing the best news you can ever hear, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life. Over seven sessions, guests will read from Mark's Gospel to find out more about the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith – Jesus Christ. The structure of each session is simple: a short Bible study, a talk and a discussion based on the talk. The first session starts on Monday 12th January so to find out more go to the St Bots webpage at:

<https://www.stbots.org.uk/whats-on/>

For more information Click on the Christianity Explored course picture to register your interest if you wish to attend the course or just to look – remember you're not committing yourself just by looking.

Help needed! We urgently need an extra person(s) willing to occasionally help out with taking food donated by a local store to Highfield Food Bank. The food is available but not always the transport. If you are able to help please contact : Marylynn Rouse on 01536 726401 or email admin@johnnewton.org.

Northampton Women's Conference 2026 - 'God with us' Bookings open Monday 26th January. Our speaker is Anja Schmidt, senior women's worker at Euston Church, London. Full details of seminars and booking details available soon - see events page on the website <https://www.mgpnorthampton.org.uk> for latest information. Ladies put the date in your diary 28th February 2026.

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 1st January

THERE IS NO Midweek Service Today

Thursday 8th January

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Thursday 15th January

11.00am Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd January

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Thursday 29th January

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th January

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 11th January

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

Sunday 18th January

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

Sunday 25th January

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

Important Dates in January

Monday 5th Men's Evening 7.30pm in Church House

12th, 19th & 26th Refresh (Bible study for young mums) 9.30am in Church House

12th, 19th, 26th Christianity Explored 7.30pm at 39 Widdowson Way, Barton Seagrave, NN15 4BL

Tuesday 13th, 20th & 27th St Bot's Tots 9.30am in Church House

6th Prayer United 7.30pm in Church House

20th Ladies Natter Night 7.30pm in Church House

15th Coffee Morning at 10.30am Warkton St Edmund's Church

Wednesday 14th, 21st, 28th LINK (youth group) in Church House

Thursday **Please Note No Coffee Shop on Thursday 1st January**

15th, 22nd, 29th 1Eighty (youth group) in Church House

Saturday 10th Who Let The Dads Out? (for men and their young children) at 9.00am in Church House

10th Saturday Hour of Prayer 9.00am in Church House

Sunday 18th at 3pm Understanding Anxiety with Dr Steve Midgley, in Church.

Special Dates for your Diary

Christianity Explored

Monday, 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd February and 2nd March 2026 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Northampton Women's Conference 2026 - 'God with us' 28th February 2026

The deadline for articles for inclusion in our February Newsletter is Sunday 25th January.

Please email them to jimroughton@stbots.church

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