



St Botolph's Church



St Edmund's Church



March

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Rectors Message - It's nice to see snowdrops, followed by daffodils in bloom. It reminds me that Spring is on the way! I don't think I'm unusual in finding the Winter months rather gloomy, so signs of the arrival of Spring are very welcome. I know that when I see snowdrops, daffodils and, a little later, cherry blossom, warmer and brighter days are coming. The arrival of Spring can't take me by surprise! Similarly, Jesus told us to watch for the signs of his return. He said:

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. (Matt 24v32-33)

So, we should not be taken by surprise when he comes. We should be ready. But Jesus also said that many people miss the signs. To the Pharisees he said:

When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. (Matt 16v2-3)

So, when you see Spring is coming remember Jesus too is coming. Will you be ready when he does?

Mark

NOTICES

Ways that you can connect to the life of the Church - Here at St Botolph's we want to enable people to connect with each other and with God. The best way we can do this is through the various different groups that take place throughout the week. If you have decided that St Botolph's is the church for you, we encourage you to get involved! There are groups for all ages and stages: home groups, prayer groups, groups and events for men and women and children and youth activities. Take a look at the various groups and activities taking place.

[Church Life - St Botolph's Church](#)

Prayer Corner Please pray for those in our congregation 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.

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 all ladies to our next event which is on Saturday 25th April at 9.30am in Church House, "**Help Me Pray**", Coffee and Pastries provided. Further details and how to register can be found at:

[Help Me Pray \(25-Apr-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

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 very 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 be found on the Church's web page at;

[Mens Evening \(02-Mar-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Real Change - A new Real Change Course starts on Wednesday 11th March @7.30pm in Church. An "Introduction" to the course will be on Wednesday 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:

[Real Change \(04-Mar-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Breadline are hosting an evening in church on Thursday 5th March at 7:30pm. Pastor Slavic Duman will be here to talk in more detail about how the Lord is working in Danca, Moldova, all are welcome.

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 March

Sunday 1st March

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

Thursday 5th March

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th March

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

Thursday 12th March

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th March

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

Thursday 19th March

11.00am Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March

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

Thursday 26th March

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th March

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

Important Dates in March

Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd Refresh (Bible study for young mums) 9.30am in Church House
2nd Men's Ministry 7.30pm will be a music night hosted by Graham, in Church House.
2nd Christianity Explored 7:30pm (39 Widdowson Way, Barton Seagrave, NN15 4BL)

Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th St Bot's Tots 9.30am in Church House
3rd Prayer United 7.30pm in Church House

17th Coffee Morning at 10.30am Warkton St Edmund's Church

Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th LINK (youth group) at 8.00pm in Church House
4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th Real Change Course 7.30pm in Church

Thursday 5th Coffee shop 10.30am in Church House

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th Thursday Bible Club (for children in school years 3-6) 4.30pm in Church House
5th, 12th, 19th & 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

Special Dates for your Diary

Real Change continues on 15th, 22nd, 29th April

Help Me Pray – Women's Breakfast 25th April at 9.30am in Church House

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

Please email them to jimroughton@stbots.church

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