



St Botolph's Church



St Edmund's Church



May

5/26

“The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18)

Death is an enemy. It rips apart and destroys in ways we were never meant to experience. Whether you are grieving the loss of an elderly friend, the heartbreak of a child lost too soon, the trauma of a death that makes no sense, or the ambiguous loss of dementia, the pain is real. It is right to cry, and it is right to feel anger against death's power. But even in the complexity of our loss, we remember hope. Because of Jesus' resurrection, the story has changed:

- **Death is Defeated:** For those in Christ, death is no longer the end, but a doorway to eternal life. Pain and tears will be wiped away, never to return.
- **Grief is Comforted:** Our emotions rightly flow, and as they do, the Holy Spirit is our ever-present strength. The everlasting arms of God are beneath those for whom he cares.
- **The Power of Sin is Broken:** We are no longer defined by the pain or harm others may have caused us. We can live in freedom.

The grieving process cannot be rushed, and your pain should not be minimised. But there is light in the darkness. He is risen!

Join us at the Grief Café

If you have experienced bereavement or any other type of deep loss—whether recently or some time ago—you are not alone. Please join us for a safe, non-judgemental space to talk, listen, or simply be.

- **When:** Second Wednesday of each month, 2pm – 3:30pm (we next meet on Wednesday 13th May)
- **Where:** Fellowship Room, Church House
- **What:** A warm cuppa, cake, and a chance to meet others who understand

If you are not sure if this is for you then have a word with me, Linnet Smith, Jane Thurland, or Kate Bannister.

Julie Lucas (Pastoral Care Coordinator)

NOTICES

St Botolph's Electoral Roll Update - This year we need to update the Electoral Roll rather than a complete re-write, so if you know that you are already included, there is nothing to do, unless you have changed some detail, e.g. you got married and changed your surname or a change of address, a printed version of the 2025 Electoral Roll is on the servery in church for you to check.

APCM 18th May in Church 7.30pm – The years APCM report is now available on the St Botolph's website you are urged to read it prior to the meeting on 18th May since it tells much of what has gone on in the past year. Please remember if you are standing for election to the PCC you need to be on the Electoral Roll, your completed PCC nomination form needs to be received in the Office by 10th May.

Go to the St Bots website and click on the link **Resources** [St Botolph's Church](#)

Secret Agents Holiday Club, 4th- 7th August 2026 Planning has started for this year's summer holiday club for children in school years Reception to Year 6. We will be investigating the evidence for who Jesus is and what he has done from Luke's book in the Bible. Bookings for the club will be available via our website shortly and will be advertised via WhatsApp, email and on the website itself. helen@stbots.church or on 07973 164020

Welcome Tea Sunday 17th May 3pm at Church House – Have you recently started coming along to St Botolph's? If so we would love to see you at our **Welcome Tea**. Come and meet the team, find out about all that goes on and come and get to know us better. Sign up through the website to let us know you're coming.

<https://stbotolphs.churchsuite.com/events/gktdhd4g>

Church Fellowship Day on Saturday 5th September - Following a very enjoyable event last year, we will be holding another this year. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family, listening to God's word being taught, sharing in times of worship and prayer, and spending time in relaxed fellowship. We are pleased to confirm that Ben Lucas will be leading our time together, when he will be speaking on the book of Ruth. The event will be held again in Church and Church House. Further details will be provided in due course.

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

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

Services at St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave & St Edmund's Church, Warkton during May

	Sunday 3rd May 10.00am Morning Prayer (Live Stream) 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Edmund's
Thursday 7th May 11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer	Sunday 10th May 10.00am Holy Communion (Live Stream) 12noon Holy Communion at St Edmund's 6.30pm Holy Communion
Thursday 14th May 11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer	Sunday 17th May 8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Prayer (Live Stream) 12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 21st May 11.00am Midweek Holy Communion	Sunday 24th May 10.00am Morning Prayer (Live Stream) 12noon Holy Communion at St Edmund's 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 28th May 11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer	Sunday 31st May 8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Prayer (Live Stream) 12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Important Dates in May

- Monday 11th, 18th Refresh (Bible study for young mums) 9.30am in Church House
18th APCM 7.30pm in Church
- Tuesday 5th 12th, 19th St Bot's Tots 9.30am in Church House
5th Prayer United 7.30pm in Church House
19th Coffee Morning at 10.30am Warkton St Edmund's Church
19th AGM Standfast Trust and Prayer Meeting 7.00pm Hayfield Cross School
- Wednesday 6th 13th, 20nd LINK (youth group) at 8.00pm in Church House
13th Grief Café 2.00pm in Church House
- Thursday 7th Coffee shop 10.30am in Church House
7th, 14th, 21st Thursday Bible Club (for children in school years 3-6) 4.30pm in Church House
7th, 14th, 21st 1Eighty (youth group) at 7.30pm in Church House
- Saturday 9th Who Let The Dads Out? (for men and their young children) at 9.00am in Church House
16th Saturday Hour of Prayer 9.00am in Church House

Special Dates for your Diary

Men's Ministry Curry Night at Nazreen Burton Latimer 7.00pm 1st June. Don't forget to book via the Church website link :[Men's Curry Night \(01-Jun-2026\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)
St Botolph's Fellowship Day Saturday 5th September in Church and Church House.

The deadline for articles for inclusion in our June Newsletter is Sunday 24th May.
Please email them to jimroughton@stbots.church

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