



St Botolph's Church

St Edmund's Church



SEPTEMBER

September feels like the beginning of a new year. Straight after the holiday season for most people, energy levels restored, we are rearing to go. And there's plenty to get excited about this month, as well as a few challenges for our prayers. On Saturday 13th of September we have a new venture, our 'Fellowship Day'. We will be welcoming Joe Griffiths to speak to us, there will be time for fellowship and prayer, and a barbecue in the evening. Then the following day (Sunday 14th) Joe will be preaching for us at the morning service in Church House garden, with immersion baptisms! A great weekend of joyful celebration of what it means to be God's family. Then, towards the end of the month we have our Harvest Festivals (18th at Barton, 25th at Warkton). An important time to stop and give thanks to God for all that we so easily take for granted in this world.

Challenges? Well, while God is blessing us, the national Church of England is still in turmoil; we have no Archbishop of Canterbury, and the church is tearing itself apart over sexuality. The Church in Wales has recently appointed a lesbian archbishop and is experiencing accelerating decline, currently, in the whole of Wales, less than 28,000 people attend church weekly (that is less than 50 per vicar!) We need to learn the lessons from Wales and Scotland: revisionism leads to decline. Please pray!

At home we face the challenge, and opportunity, of Hanwood Park which is entirely within the benefice. New people are coming to live in our benefice. We have the joy, and privilege, of telling them about Jesus.

So, have a great September:

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

(Charles Wesley)

Rev. Mark Lucas

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

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

The deadline for articles for inclusion in October Newsletter is Sunday 21st September.
Please email them to jimroughton@stbots.church

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Services @ St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave & St Edmunds Church, Warkton during September

Thursday 4th September

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Thursday 11th September

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Thursday 18th September

11.00am Midweek Holy Communion

Thursday 25th September

11.00am Midweek Morning Prayer

Sunday 7th September – 7th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion (Live Stream)

6.30pm Evening Prayer

12noon Morning Prayer @ St Edmunds

5.00pm Evening Prayer @ St Edmunds

Sunday 14th September – 8th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Morning Prayer (Live Stream)

6.30pm Holy Communion

12noon Holy Communion @ St Edmunds

Sunday 21st September – 9th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am **Harvest** Morning Prayer (Live Stream)

6.30pm Evening Prayer

12noon Morning Prayer @ St Edmunds

Sunday 28th September – 10th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Morning Prayer (Live Stream)

6.30pm Evening Prayer

12noon **Harvest** Holy Communion @ St Edmunds

Important Dates in September

Tuesday 2nd – Church Meets 7.30pm in Church House

Thursday 4th – Coffee Shop 10.30am in Church House

Wednesday 10th, 17th & 24th - Real Change 7.30pm in Church

Saturday 13th – Fellowship Day in Church House Garden

Future Dates for your Diary

1st October – Real Change 10.00am (Intro for morning 6-week course. Sign up on the St Bots website)

NOTICES

Fellowship Day Saturday 13th September Church House Garden. Join Revd Joe Griffith and others for a day of Worship, Talks & Prayer Seminars, plus Children's activities. Bring & Share your Lunch all ending in a Evening BBQ. There is no charge for this excellent day but please book via the St Bots website. Follow the link.

[https://Fellowship Day \(13-Sep-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](https://Fellowship Day (13-Sep-2025) · ChurchSuite Events)

Real Change is a six week course for anyone who wants to look at what is going on in their heart and grow with God's help to see Real Change. We will be holding two 6 week courses, an evening course and a daytime course to accommodate all who would like to attend. Both courses will have the same content, an evening course starting with an introduction on Wednesday 10th September and the daytime course starting on Wednesday 1st October. Booking details can be found on the St Bots website <https://www.stbots.org.uk/> or contact julie@stbots.church for further details.

Pastoral Care

Here at St Botolph's we encourage all regular church attendees to join a homegroup. This will be the principal place where pastoral care is given and received. We also recognise, however, that sometimes circumstances of life mean we need some extra help. Members of our Pastoral Care Team are available to walk with you through a particular problem, area of struggle, pain or suffering. When necessary, they may guide you to more specialized or professional help. Contact the Pastoral Care Team: care@stbots.church

Prayer Corner

Please prayer for those in our congregation known to us who are ill or suffering in any way, may they know the peace of God in their lives and have their health restored.

Safeguarding

At St Botolph's, we recognise that our desire to love God, love others and to share the good news of Jesus will only be possible in an environment where all members of our fellowship are properly safeguarded and feel cared for. We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone in our church and requires the development of an appropriate safeguarding culture. We are therefore committed to upholding the highest standards in this area. We will always adhere to the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Diocese of Peterborough which have been based on the requirements of the Church of England nationally. For further details or if you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer at safe@stbots.church without delay.