

Church Meets

Our next Church Meets is on Tuesday **6th February** we will meet in church house, have a chat and catch-up from **7.50pm**.

Church Meets starts at 8pm.

It is so good to encourage one another in prayer and we would love you to join us in Church House.



Mission Focus Please Pray For:

Please pray for Daniel the son of our Mission Partner in Israel. He had an interview on 1st February about his residency permit for Israel. He works as paramedic in the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross emergency service.

Slavko continues to be very busy visiting many countries for evangelism meetings. He will be in Cambridge in February. Please pray for safety in travel, good health and time in busyness to wait on the Lord. His son has now graduated and is looking for a job.
For latest prayer letter contact Derek.

Japanese people are increasingly on our doorsteps in the UK, in our universities, workplaces and on our streets. So OMF would like to invite you to our free online training morning on Saturday 24 February looking at how we can share the good news of Jesus with them in the UK.

Book your place today: <https://go.omf.org/japanonyourdoorstep24>

Programme for the day:

- 9:45am onwards: join to see video presentations etc
- 10:00am Introduction: 2 short seminars with Q&A, with a break in-between.
- 11:30am Regional Networking: by popular demand, we plan to have time in breakout rooms to chat to people in your region.

12noon End of programme

St Botolph's & St Edmund's Church Family News The Second Sunday before Lent 4th February 2024

Collect - The Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Church Services Sunday 4th February 2024

St Botolph's Church Barton Seagrave

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Morning Prayer - and Live Stream on YouTube

6.30pm Evening Prayer - and Live Stream on YouTube

St Edmund's Church Warkton

12noon Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer (Please Use the Village Hall Car park in village.)

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| <p><b>Sunday 4th February</b></p> <p>8.30am Holy Communion in Church</p> <p>10.00am Morning Prayer in Church<br/>also Live Streamed</p> <p>12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's</p> <p>5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Edmund's</p> <p>6.30pm Evening Prayer in Church<br/>also Live Streamed</p> | <p><b>Monday 5th February</b></p> <p>8.00am Morning Prayer via YouTube</p> <p>9.30am REFRESH in Church House</p> <p>7.30pm Hope Explored in Church House</p> <p>8.00pm Men@StBots at the Woolcomber</p>     |
| <p><b>Tuesday 6th February</b></p> <p>No Morning Prayer today back on Thursday</p> <p>9.30am St Bots Tots in Church House</p> <p>8.00pm Church Meets in Church House</p>                                                                                                                      | <p><b>Wednesday 7th February</b></p> <p>No Morning Prayer today back on Thursday</p> <p>9.30am Ladies Home Group Meet</p> <p>8.00pm LINK in Church House</p>                                                |
| <p><b>Thursday 8th February</b></p> <p>8.00am Morning Prayer via YouTube</p> <p>11.00am MidWeek Morning Prayer in Church</p> <p>12noon Soup &amp; Sandwich in Church House</p> <p>7.30pm 1Eighty in Church House</p>                                                                          | <p><b>Friday 9th February</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Saturday 10th February</b></p> <p>9.00am Who Let The Dads Out in Church House</p> <p>9.00am Church Working Party meet at the Church</p>                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Sunday 11th February</b></p> <p>10.00am Morning Prayer in Church<br/>also Live Streamed</p> <p>12noon Holy Communion at St Edmund's</p> <p>6.30pm Holy Communion in Church<br/>also Live Streamed</p> |

# What's on at St Edmund's

## St Edmund's Church Key Dates

Due to the increase in Covid and seasonal illness can we all try to remember to sanitise our hands on entry to the building, to support our vulnerable members of our congregation, equally please feel comfortable wearing a mask.

- On Sunday 4th February we have Morning Prayer at 12noon all ages welcome and at 5pm Evening Prayer.
- Sunday School takes place during the 12noon service and all young people are welcome to join in the activities, Emma and her team will be pleased to welcome any new members.
- Please consider helping with the Ministry of Flowers by providing them and helping on the rota, Sue Whitening would be pleased to discuss this with you!
- At St Edmund's we continue to donate food and toiletries to the Kettering Food Bank, please place your donations into the boxes provided or leave in the porch prior to the services. Our contributions are especially welcome as the need is great.



The next "Who Let The Dads Out" meeting will be on Saturday **Date 10th February at 9.00am** in Church House so why not come and join other dads/carers and have some fun with the children and a chat plus Bacon Rolls and Coffee too.

## Saturday Prayer Time



Please Join us for an hour of prayer at 9.30am in Church House on Saturday 17th February as we bring our concerns in prayer before God.

# Save the date!



As our thoughts turn towards the summer, I wanted to let you know the dates for our Holiday Club this year. It will run from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August – that's the third full week of the school holidays for most children. It will be open to children in school years 1 – 6. More information to follow a little closer to the date but if you have any questions in the meantime please get in touch.

Helen [helen@stbots.church](mailto:helen@stbots.church)

## Decisions taken by the General Synod

Peterborough Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship are organising a further meeting :-

### "Mission & Ministry after the Prayers of Love and Faith Church of England",

This is an open meeting at the Church of Christ the King, Deeble Road, Kettering at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th February (refreshments available from 7pm) looking at responses to the current challenges facing the Church of England on human sexuality.

The main speaker will be Rev Dr Ian Paul, who is a former tutor at St John's College, Nottingham, He is on the Archbishops' Council and General Synod and on the committee of Nottingham & Southwell Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship and will be able to guide and advise us. He has a blog at <https://www.psephizo.com/>.

Much of what he says will be similar to Mark's recent meeting in Church.

Lent Course 24

# Being Human



18th Feb - The Person  
3rd Mar - The Problem  
10th Mar - The Plan  
17th Mar - The Progress  
24th Mar - The Prospect

6:30pm

St Botolph's  
Church

## Soup & Sandwich

Thursday 8th February in Church House 12noon - 13.30pm

# Women's Conference

We are delighted to announce our 7th Women's Conference

**'Redeemed Relationships'**

**Saturday February 24th**

Claire Burbidge is speaking from the New Testament book of Philemon -

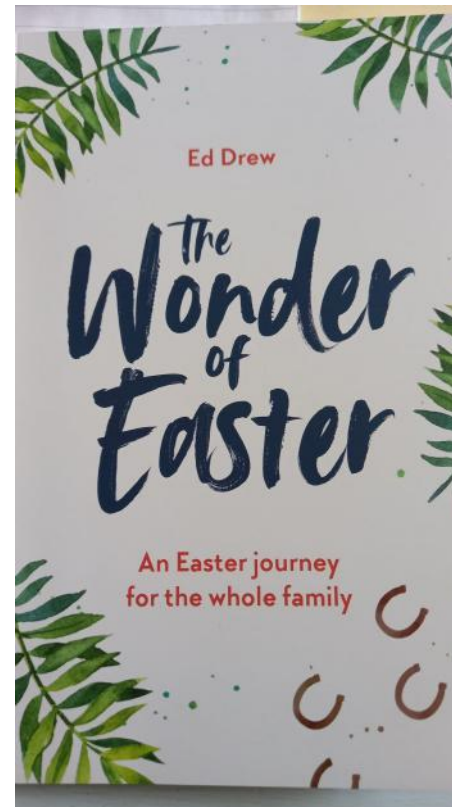
**Relationship with God, Relationship with others.**

We are excited about the range of seminar options all building on redeemed relationships

See attached flyer for Seminar choices and how to book your place

# Now Fully Booked

## Family Book For Easter

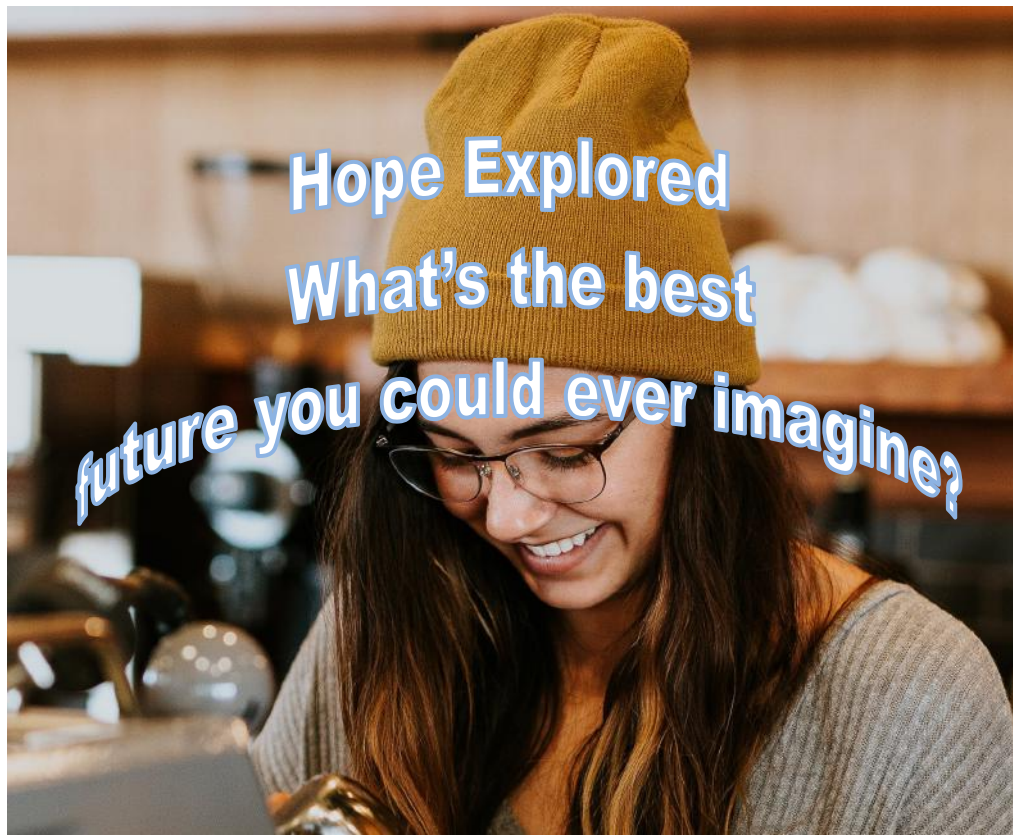


Hi everyone, hope you're all having a good week. Mark has suggested a book for adults to read during our run up to Easter during Lent.

I wanted to let you know about a book for families to enjoy together in preparation for Easter.

It's called '**The Wonder of Easter**' and contains 34 short (10 minutes) daily readings/activities. If you start on Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) and skip weekends then you finish on Easter Sunday. I have a small supply of the books at £5 each. Just let me know if you'd like one. It's a great way to learn together about what Easter really means!

Helen



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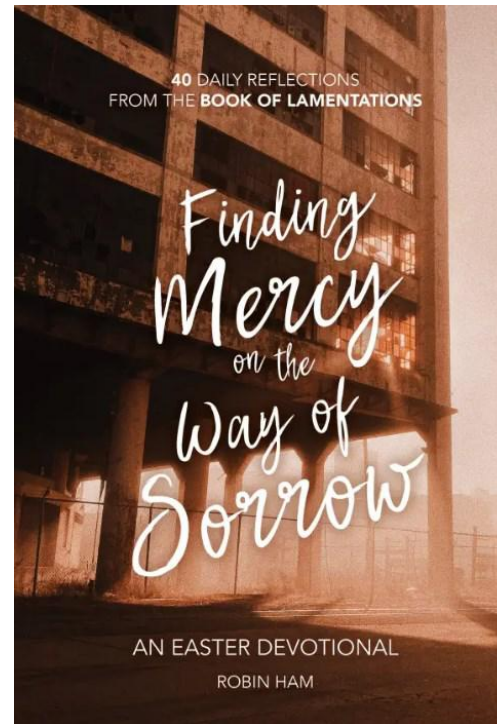
Hope Explored shows how Jesus offers us a hope worth having, a hope that won't disappoint us.

You may have questions, and we don't assume any previous knowledge.

**We would love you to join us..**

<https://www.christianityexplored.org/courses/hope-explored/> this is a link to the website where there is a trailer video.

# Your Book for Lent



## A refreshing Easter devotional

The book of Lamentations is not a well-trodden part of the Bible. Yet dwelling in its bleak shadows, we find surprising treasure. For broken people in a broken world, Lamentations' aching sorrow is strangely refreshing.

*The Way of Sorrow* contains a daily reflection and response, taking us on a journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

This Lent, come and walk through ruins of unflinching grief and there re-discover the unfailing grace of God in Jesus Christ.

**Available from Church or Church Office for only £2.00 per copy**

## Men@St Bot's

**Date - Monday 5th February Time - 8pm**

**Venue - "The Woolcomber" Ise Lodge**

**Subject - "To be decided on the night"**

It will be a great time to hear and share how Jesus cares and answers our prayers sometimes in surprising ways. So just turn up for a great night out.



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## Working party



The Fabric Task Group has agreed to hold a working party from 9.00am on Saturday 10th February. The main job will be to demolish the wall between Church House garden and the Churchyard, sort and stack the stone, and dig down to a firm base in readiness for laying a concrete foundation prior to engaging a professional company to rebuild the wall. The more of this job we can do with unskilled labour the cheaper it will be. Hopefully some of the Dads who will be at "Who Let The Dads Out" that day will be able to join in later in the morning!.

## New Food Bank Collection Point

We now have a collection point for the Kettering Food Bank here at St Botolph's Church.

### It's located in the foyer of Church House.

- ◆ Kettering Food Bank is a Christian charity and is well established. It is run by volunteers, and is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.
- ◆ The Food Bank is located at the top of Market Street, Kettering close to the junction with Horsemarket.



This year there has been a 40% increase in demand compared to the same period last year and demand will increase further now we are in the school holidays and children are at home.

Please donate if you can.

Foodstuffs, toiletries, cleaning products, baby's nappies are always welcome.

The Food Bank collection point will be emptied and taken to Market Street regularly.

[www.ketteringfoodbank.org](http://www.ketteringfoodbank.org)

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