

LADIES' Natter Night

CHURCH HOUSE
FROM 7:30PM, TUES 20TH FEB

AN INFORMAL EVENING TO GET TOGETHER FOR WHAT EVER YOU FANCY - BRING A CRAFT IF YOU WISH, OR COME AS YOU ARE TO CHATTER AND NATTER.

Hot drinks and home bakes provided!

Church Meets

Our next Church Meets is on Tuesday **5th March** 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.



St Botolph's & St Edmund's Church Family News The First Sunday Of Lent 18th February 2024

Collect - The First Sunday Of 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 18th 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 & Lent Series - and Live Stream on YouTube

St Edmund's Church Warkton

12noon Morning Prayer (Please Use the Village Hall Car park in village.)

Sunday 18th February

8.30am Holy Communion in Church
10.00am Morning Prayer in Church
also Live Streamed
12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's
6.30pm Evening Prayer & Lent Series in Church also Live Streamed

Monday 19th February

No Morning Prayer until Wednesday 28-02-24

Tuesday 20th February

No Morning Prayer until Wednesday 28-02-24
10.30am Coffee Morning St Edmund's
7.30pm Ladies Natter Night - Church House

Wednesday 21st February

No Morning Prayer until Wednesday 28-02-24
9.30am Ladies Home Group Meet

Thursday 22nd February

No Morning Prayer until Wednesday 28-02-24
11.00am MidWeek Morning Prayer in Church

Friday 23rd February

Saturday 24th February

9.00am Women's Conference Moulton Church
9.45am OMF "Japan on your doorstep" video link training session

Sunday 25th February

10.00am Morning Prayer in Church
also Live Streamed
12noon Morning Prayer at St Edmund's
6.30pm Evening Prayer & Lent Series in Church & Live Streamed

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 18th February** we have Morning Prayer at 12noon, all ages welcome.
- **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 offering to do them and those on it doing more than one slot to cover the gaps in the rota . Sue would be very pleased to discuss this with you . Our visitors do appreciate our displays as well as our congregation. Flower arrangers can do them at any time to suit them by getting the keys from Sue or the Verger Michael Jeans.
- The electricians have been in the church this week installing new lights and updating the system. Hopefully, this will make a big difference at the evening services and events!
- The stonemasons are also intending to start work on the churchyard wall repairs at any time.
- **Tuesday 20th February** our Coffee Morning is between 10:30-12:30 in the Warren Room , all are warmly invited to attend whether you are a member of the Benefice Congregation or Residents.



The next "Who Let The Dads Out" group will be on Saturday **Date 9th March 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.

Lent Course 24

Being Human



18th Feb - The Person

3rd Mar - The Problem

10th Mar - The Plan

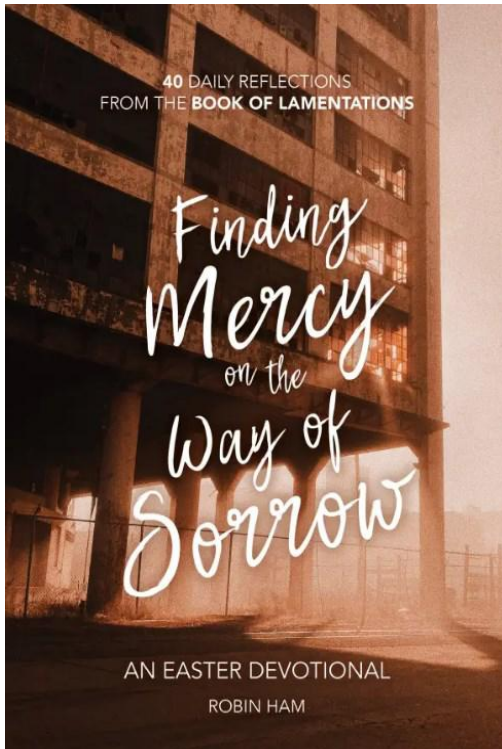
17th Mar - The Progress

24th Mar - The Prospect

6:30pm

St Botolph's
Church

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 unflinching grace of God in Jesus Christ.

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

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Harvest for the Hungry

Bring Harvest Hope to Eastern Europe and the Balkans



TEN Message :

Thank you so much to St Botolph's Church for your very generous support for **Harvest for the Hungry** again this year, and for supporting Dragan Nedic and his church so generously with their project to feed several families throughout the year. He has received a total of £3,600 for Harvest for the Hungry. Feedback from Dragan from the previous year, that due to the cost of living crisis, the grant was not able to feed as many families so TEN sent an additional £600 from our funds to help his church continue to run this valuable programme and make sure that they can feed more of the families they wish to support. The church was supporting 25 families regularly with monthly food parcels and other needy groups as well. Dragan longs to serve the church and local community in the name of Christ but funds are tight and the needs are great. Please pray that they will have the resources they need and not become discouraged.

Men@St Bot's

Date - Monday 4th March Time - 6.30pm for a meal then after the meal 8.00pm

Venue - "The Woolcomber" Ise Lodge

Advance notice for our 4th March's meeting - we'll be meeting earlier at 6:30pm for a meal and then starting the meeting as normal after the meal at 8pm.

The meal choice is as follows :-

Lasagne or Chilli & Rice and salad £10 per head.

Please give your name to Phil if you want a meal otherwise just turn up at 8.00pm.

Any questions or further information please let Carl know.

Missionary SharePlan

This is an annual scheme whereby individuals can, if they so wish, contribute towards a financial gift to one of our Link Workers. The intention is that this is a love-gift to the Link Workers personally (rather than their sponsoring organisation), for them to use as they see fit, to help them with either their domestic lives or their ministry. It is a tangible way of saying to them, "We are right behind you in your work".

Our Missionary Shareplan scheme works by individuals committing themselves to purchasing one or more "shares", each share being £1 per month for one year. After that, the commitment ceases unless the individual wishes to renew it for the following year.

Each year the gift is sent to one or other of our Link Workers, in rotation. Derek will be publicising this years SharePlan during our services this weekend so if you want any further information please speak to him.

Update from the McClatcheys!

Dear St Bots family,

Happy February! I hope your 2024 has started well. :) It is really encouraging to us to know that you are reading and praying for us as we continue to progress towards Japan. Please keep praying for those in Japan affected by the New Years Day earthquake, and for the Christians in Japan to be a blessing to those in need.

Our *McClatcheys on a Mission* monthly Prayer News Bulletin (PNB) has been emailed out and can also be found on the mission board in Church House. We'd like to say a special thank you to all in our WhatsApp group for praying with us in our unexpected health needs in January, and for praying for the surprise sharing opportunity we had at Loughborough CU! We also had a good prayer time, albeit short, in our monthly zoom prayer meeting on Thurs Feb 8th, and it was lovely to see some of you there.



With our love and every blessing,
Every blessing,
David & Angela, Sarah + Ruth



Mission Focus Please Pray For:

Slavko continues to be very busy visiting many countries for evangelism meetings. He will be in Cambridge during 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 his latest prayer letter contact Derek or Church Office if you'd like to read it.

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