

This Christmas...

GOD IN A MANGER...



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 5 Dec 4pm Christingle, St Edmund's
- 12 Dec 4pm Carols on the Green
- 19 Dec 5pm Carol Service, St Edmund's
- 19 Dec 5pm & 7pm Carol Service, St Bots
- 24 Dec 4:30pm Christingle, St Bots
- 24 Dec 11:30pm Midnight Communion, St Bots
- 24 Dec 11:30pm Midnight Communion, St Edmund's
- 25 Dec 9am Christmas Celebration, St Edmund's
- 25 Dec 10am Christmas Celebration, St Bots
- 26 Dec 10am Morning Prayer, St Bots

Come and join us

St Botolph's Church Family News The First Sunday of Advent 28th November 2021



Collect - The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sunday Church Services 28th November

St Botolph's Church Barton Seagrave

- 10.00am Morning Service
- 3.00pm Advent Praise & Worship (Afternoon Tea served in Church House after the service).
- 7.00pm Evening Prayer (refreshments will be served from 6:15pm in Church)

St Edmund's Church Warkton

- 9.00am Holy Communion (Please use the Village Hall Car park in Warkton village.)

We will continue to Live-Stream our Sunday 10.00am and 7.00pm Services as appropriate from St Botolph's Church but please try to join us in Church on Sundays

HELP WANTED at Carols on the Green

Are you available on Sunday 12th December to help with Stewarding at the event and for general setting-up activities during the day. Also we're hoping for those people who are able to stay and help after our normal morning service at 10.00am provide coffee and maybe bacon rolls so if you can help in this area, please let Heather know Tel: 01536 414052 Church Office or email

heatherknighton@stbots.church

Christmas Children's Choir



We're looking for Primary, Secondary school or 6th form aged singers to make a special choir for our St Botolph's Christingle service at 4.30pm on 24th Dec.

Are your child(ren)/teens interested?

They don't have to be amazing singers but must like singing!

The Choir would need to be free on the following dates for practices:

- 3.00pm-4.00pm Sunday 5th December
- 9.00am-9.40am Sunday 12th December
- 3.40pm for final practice on the day (24th) before service starts.

All practices will be in CHURCH.

If interested please speak to or send a text to Kirsty Clark on 07909 511987.

Many thanks in advance!

MIDWEEK

Worship
MINISTRY

We continue our **MidWeek Ministry in Church during December on Thursday's at 11.00am**
Please join us at Coffee Shop in Church House either before or after the Service.

Christingle Service

St Edmund's Church, Warkton Sunday 5th December at 4.00pm
St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave 24th December at 4.30pm

During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Christingles are made using oranges and a few other bits, as you choose. You light the candle at the end of a service to spread a magical glow around everyone.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



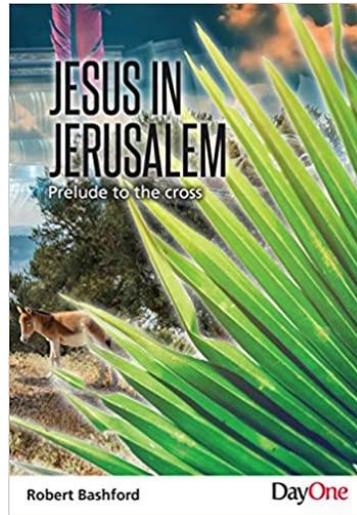
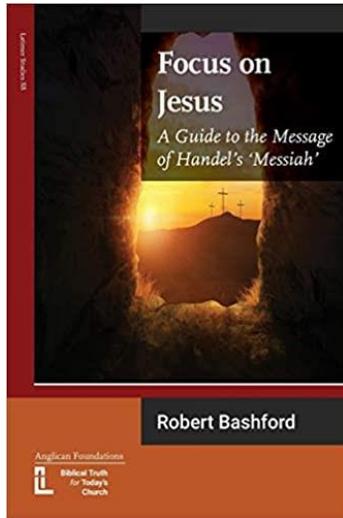
Church House



Thursday 2nd December

10.00am - 12.30pm

BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS?



Following the Bric a Brac Sale on 27th November, there is still an opportunity in the next few days to order copies of two books by Robert Bashford at discount prices:

FOCUS ON JESUS: A GUIDE TO THE MESSAGE OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH – £7

JESUS IN JERUSALEM: PRELUDE TO THE CROSS – £6

Both books unpack Bible passages:

- The first deals with all the verses that are sung in Handel's great oratorio.
- The second examines the account of Jesus' ministry from Palm Sunday to just before Maundy Thursday evening, recorded in all four Gospels.

Copies can be ordered via the **Church Office** this week **until Thursday 2nd December**.

Church Flower Arranging Rota

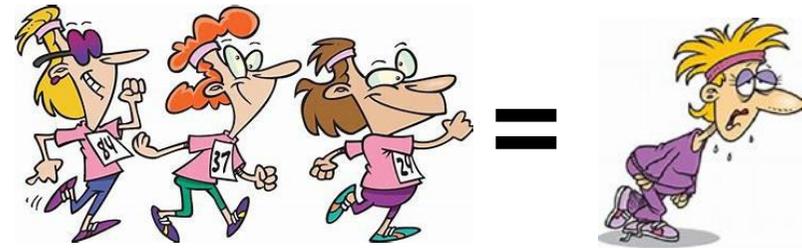
A new Flower Rota for next year is being compiled, so if anyone who is currently on the rota has any preferred dates for next year can they please let Chris Roughton have them..

Also if there is anybody else who would like to join our very friendly team, please phone or speak to Chris Roughton for more information, new people are always very welcome. Thank you.



Chris Roughton 07804013990/ 01536 721058

St Bots TROTS



St Bot's Trots are suspending their normal **Tuesday evening** runs until the spring next year. However for those intrepid runners who want to continue throughout the winter months please join the runners on the Park runs on Saturday Mornings. Why not bring a friend?

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(Opening Hours Mon - Thursday 10.00am - 2:30pm.)			

What's happening next week?

- **Sunday 28th November**
 - 10.00am Morning Service in Church (Live-Streamed)
 - 3.00pm Praise & Worship in Church followed by Afternoon Tea Church House
 - 5.00pm Evening Prayer Warkton
 - 7.00pm Evening Prayer in Church (Live Streamed).
- **Monday 29th November**
 - 8.00am Morning Prayer on YouTube
 - 9.30am Refresh Church House
 - 1.00pm Staff Meeting

- **Tuesday 30th November**
 - 8.00am Morning Prayer on YouTube
 - 9.30am St Bots Tots in Church House
- **Wednesday 1st December**
 - 8.00am Morning Prayer on YouTube
 - 9.30am Ladies Bible Study (via Zoom)
 - 8.00pm Links Church House
- **Thursday 2nd December**
 - 8.00am Morning Prayer on YouTube
 - 10.00am Coffee Shop in Church House
 - 11.00am Midweek Worship in Church
 - 7.30pm 1Eighty in Church House
- **Friday 3rd December**
- **Saturday 4th December**

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Hello everyone, I'm sorry to mention 2022 at this point in 2021 but I'm beginning to plan ahead! I'd love to re-start 'Who Let the Dads Out' early next year. We began this monthly session on a Saturday just before the pandemic hit so we never really got into our stride with it. It's a time for dads, grandads and other carers who are men to get together in Church House to talk, have some breakfast and spend time with their little ones.

The sessions would take place on a Saturday morning once a month for an hour and a half in Church House. I could really do with two or three dads or grandads who could help get this off the ground again;

I am very happy to help organise but it would be wonderful if it could be shared with some of those who would be involved. It's a great opportunity to spend some one-to-one time with your little ones and also to invite non-Christian mates along too. Message me directly if you think you might be interested. Thank you very much. Email Helen – Helen@stbots.church

Toys for the children to play with

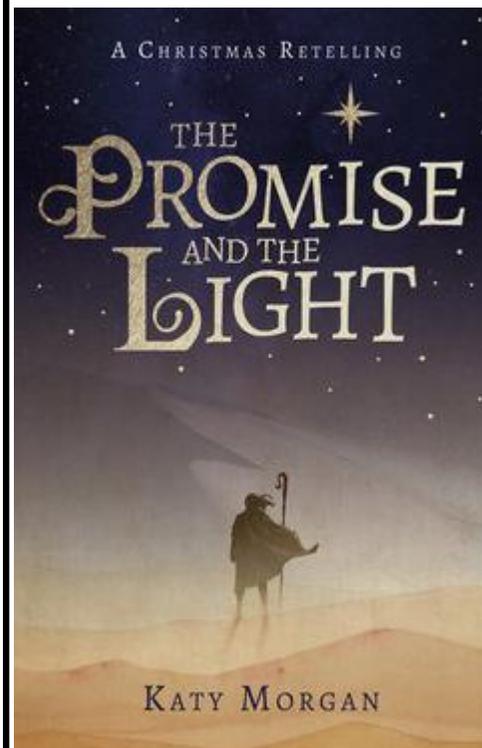
Tea, coffee & great food

Give mum some time off

Meet other dads

Look out for more details in CFN later

the goodbook .co.uk



What if you were visited by an angel one night who told you that you were to give birth to the Son of God? How would you feel? What might you think?

Written as a series of vivid and dramatic first-person accounts, *The Promise and The Light* tells the stories of Mary, Joseph and Zechariah as they experience the events of the first Christmas. Written in a lively and engaging style, this imaginative yet biblically faithful book will captivate children aged 8-12.

Readers will be able to get inside the hearts and minds of some of the key players in the Christmas story and will appreciate the power and excitement of what happened and why it is so amazing for us today.

With 25 chapters, readers may choose to read a chapter a day during Advent

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Decorating the Church for Christmas

A group of us are decorating the church this Christmas on Saturday 18th December at 9.00am to 11.00am and we would be great to see some new faces. If you're coming do you have any long lengths of holly and ivy the you could bring to help with the decorations if so that would be great. Please speak to Chris Roughton for if you want more details. Thank you.
Chris Roughton 07804013990/ 01536 721058



ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, BARTON SEAGRAVE

Invite you to a short traditional service in church of
ADVENT PRAISE AND WORSHIP
Sunday 28th November 2021 at 3.00pm

Followed by
AFTERNOON TEA In Church House
ALL WELCOME



Carols-on-the-Green

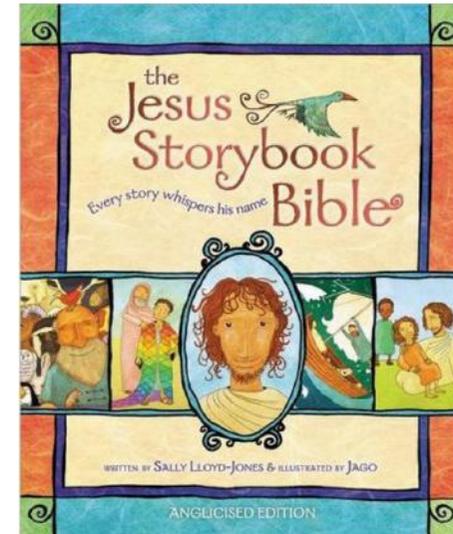


You are invited to join us on Sunday 12th December at 4.00pm for our Carols-on-the-Green Service. Why not invite friends and neighbour's as we start our Christmas celebrations.

The Jesus Storybook Bible for 4-7 year olds

An award winning *Jesus Storybook Bible* tells the Story beneath all the stories in the Bible.

This beautifully illustrated bible hits all the requirements: bite-size chapters perfect for a bedtime story: check; language which is clear and child-friendly, yet has integrity: check; each and every page positively bursting with colour: check. Although it is aimed at 4-7 year olds, it can be used effectively with younger children as a first bible and has proved to have more appeal and hold interest longer than the more traditional "baby bibles", both to the toddler and the adult reading! As a bonus, children should be able to grow with this bible and progress to reading it aloud themselves once they reach school-age



At the centre of the Story is a baby, the child upon whom everything will depend. Every story whispers his name. From Noah to Moses to the great King David – every story points to him. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle – the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the Story unfolds, children will pick up the clues and piece together the puzzle. A Bible like no other, *The Jesus Storybook Bible* invites children to join in the greatest of all adventures, to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the centre of God's great story of salvation – and at the centre of their Story too.

Beautifully written by New York Times bestselling author Sally Lloyd Jones and illustrated by awarding winning artist Jago.

Click Here

[The Jesus Storybook Bible \(Hardback\) - Sally Lloyd-Jones and Jago - 10ofThose.com](https://www.10ofthose.com/)