



Hope Explored is an informal and relaxed three-week course and will start in the New Year. It's for everyone who wants to find hope, peace and purpose in life. It's run by ordinary Christian people local to you and is completely free. You don't need to know anything about the Bible, and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask questions as you like, or you can just sit and listen.

Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking, **Hope Explored** is a place for you to discover the hope of a future that is better than you could ever imagine.

If you are interested in joining in then send an email to hope@stbots.church and we'll let you know when it's starting.

Further Details will be available in the New Year.



**We now have a
Toilet in Church
it's by the Vestry Door
so please use it during
the Service if you
need to.**

**You Don't need to go
over to Church House**



**St Botolph's
Church Family News
The Second Sunday of Epiphany
16th January 2022**



Collect - The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

Message from the Rector - Mark Lucas

What is Epiphany? Apart from the few weeks between Christmas and Lent of course!

The word Epiphany itself means, 'to make known to'. But what is being made known? and to whom? In some cultures the season is called *theophany* which means, 'to make God known.' This is helpful, we can conclude that Epiphany, then, is 'to make God known', but to whom?

Traditionally at this season we remember the visitation of the magi, the wise men, to Jesus. The wise men were foreigners, gentiles, outsiders. So, Epiphany means, 'making God known to outsiders.' So, God is made known to the world as Jesus is born and lived. At Jesus' baptism there came a voice from heaven, from God the Father, 'this is my beloved son.' At the same time God the holy Spirit settled on Jesus in the form of a dove. God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, together. God revealed to the world in all His fulness and glory.

Church Services Sunday 16th January

St Botolph's Church Barton Seagrave

- **8.30am Holy Communion**
- **10.00am Morning Prayer - Live Stream on YouTube**
- **7.00pm Evening Prayer - Live Stream on YouTube**

St Edmund's Church Warkton

- **5.00pm Evening Prayer** (Please use the Village Hall Car park in Warkton village.)

M I D W E E K

Worship
MINISTRY

We continue our **MidWeek Ministry in Church during January on Thursday's at 11.00am**
Please join us at this popular midweek service and afterwards for Soup & Sandwiches.



Starting this Sunday at our 7pm Sunday Evening Prayer a new series looking at the book of Ecclesiastes - take a look at this video for a really helpful introduction and overview of the book... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCrtxkeQE_8.

Hope UK

On behalf of **Hope UK**, **THANK YOU** for your generous donations of **£111.32** over Christmas! It is very much appreciated and this money will help us to continue delivering drug prevention education and equipping young people to live drug-free lives.
Graham

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

Dear St Botolph's Friends

SharePlan 2022

Organising things like our annual SharePlan project is difficult in the present circumstances, but, as last year, we really mustn't let SharePlan 2022 suffer because of Covid 19. So I ask you to open and respond to the attached leaflet about this year's scheme.

SharePlan is an annual scheme whereby individuals can, if they so wish, contribute towards a financial gift to one of our Mission Link Workers. The intention is that this is a love-gift to the Link Worker personally (rather than their sponsoring organisation), for them to use as they see fit, to help 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." We will shortly be finalising the gift from SharePlan 2021, and when this is done, I will let you know the outcome.

SharePlan contributions from 2022 are designated for Pastor Dragan Nedic and his wife Sandra. Dragan is the new pastor of our sister church, Evangelical Church Kosevsko Brdo in Sarajevo. Dragan took over the leadership of the church from Slavko Hadzic just before Covid hit us, so we have not had the opportunity of getting to know him. He was due to visit us during our Festival 900+, but of course, Covid put paid to that.

I warmly recommend SharePlan 2022 to your consideration and ask you to respond generously..

Please check the St Botolph's web page at [St Botolph's Church \(stbots.org.uk\)](http://stbots.org.uk) for more information and application form.

Every blessing Derek Wade

What's happening next week?

• **Sunday 16th January**

8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Service in Church
Live-Streamed
10.00am Promise Land (Church House)
5.00pm Evening Prayer Warkton
7.00pm Evening Prayer in Church
Live-Streamed

• **Monday 17th January**

8.00am Morning Prayer via YouTube
9.30am Refresh (Church House)

• **Tuesday 18th January**

8.00am Morning Prayer via YouTube
9.30am St Bots Tots (Church House)

• **Wednesday 19th January**

8.00am Morning Prayer via YouTube
8.00pm Link (Church House)

• **Thursday 20th January**

8.00am Morning Prayer via YouTube
11.00am Morning Service in Church
7.30pm 1Eighty (Church House)

• **Friday 21st January**

• **Saturday 22nd January**