



From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends

Newsletter 20

Welcome

We continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers all those many members of the congregation who are unable to be with us in church at this time.

We also welcome all those who have joined us in recent times, drawn by the dignified liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer, used for all services, uplifting music and orthodox preaching.

We pray at every service for the return soon to normal times when the tide of the pandemic can be over and we are all safe from its worst effects.

Remembering

November is the month of *remembering*. *The festival of All Saints* celebrates the gathering of all who have gone before us in Christ's name and in whom we see something of the light of Christ shining through them.

We remember also our common mortality at the associated commemoration of *All Souls*. We remember all have died, especially those known personally to us; and also at this time, those who have died from Covid 19; and we remember them to God.

We also remember on *Remembrance Sunday* all who have died specifically for the sake of our social and political freedoms and life. Remembrance Sunday reminds us, especially in its secular settings, of the spiritual and specifically Christian principles which underlies our nation state, even if they no longer seem to animate our leaders and institutions as once they did.

Outcome of Annual Meetings on 25th October 2020

I am delighted to report that Sarah Eastwood and Dan Jones were elected Churchwardens until the next Annual Meeting in 2021. I am most grateful to them for standing and for all that they – any many others – have contributed over the past 18 months since the previous APCM.



A copy of my report can be found the Governance section of the website here <https://www.stbotolphcam.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=268172>

The following were elected to serve on the PCC for a 3 year period:
Jayne Ringrose, David Eastwood, Kit Helps, Colin Greenhalgh, Tim Brown.
They join Tamara Sword (not due for election this year).

There are still vacancies for a Deanery Synod Representative (ex officio PCC) and for a full PCC member. If anyone is interested, please have a word with me.

St Botolph's has a new website – www.stbotolphcam.org

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Welcome to St Botolph's in the collegial and city heart of Cambridge

The churches are that you have clicked on this website because you are seeking a church in which to worship and want to know something about us. This is what to expect:

- Substantive worship that is ordered, structured and dignified, according to the Book of Common Prayer and the Authorized Version (King James) of the Bible, enhanced by the Anglican choral tradition.
- Orthodox preaching that follows the Church's liturgical year and is based on the teaching of the Christian Faith and the exposition of the Scriptures.
- All within the setting of a church building that echoes 700 years of Christian worship. The Nave is finely proportioned and uncluttered. It is rendered in brickwork in the East Anglian style. The Chancel, by contrast, is richly decorated by the notable Gothic Revival architect, G F Bodley. Together, both Nave and Chancel, convey a strong sense of the numinous in the beauty of holiness. In

David Eastwood reports the following traffic on the new website:

1. We have had about 4,000 views of the Homepage
2. At least 850 people have clicked through to visit one or more of the pages behind the homepage, especially the Services, About Us and Sermons pages. The News page is well read too with about 550 views. This is in less than two months.
3. We have had over 550 downloads of sermons given at St Botolph's. The most popular is Fr Stephen's sermon from 5 July when we were allowed to re-start services. This has had 89 views in the last eight weeks or so and is still much visited.

Some of these statistics seem quite remarkable and it is testimony to the usefulness of the new website that it has seen such levels of enquiry. Thank you, David, Tamara and Ben for contributing to this important development in the life of St Botolph's.

Queens Choir at St Botolph's for Evensong



Members of the Choir at our Patron, Queens College, will be at St Botolph's fortnightly from **Friday 6th November** to sing a full **Choral Evensong at 6:15pm.**

Please give them your support by coming to the service. It is a good way to end the working week and prepare for the weekend.

David Berry



David was back in Cambridge last weekend for the conferment of his BA degree, albeit *in absentia* this year, and to attend our Annual Meetings.

Below is an image of David in full academical dress before the High Altar. I have told him to return for a similar photo next year after he graduates from Oxford.

Future Dates

Set out below is the pattern of services over the next month or so, together with the various preachers:

1st November – Sung Eucharist on All Saints Day.
Rev'd Margret Widdess preaching.



Monday 2nd November – **Sung Eucharist and Commemoration of the Departed on All Souls Day at 6:30pm.**

The Choir sings the Faur  Requiem in D Minor liturgically *

Friday 6th November – Choral Evensong sung by members of the Choir of Queens College at 6:15pm.

8th November – Act of Remembrance *with* Holy Communion on **Remembrance Sunday at 10:55am.**

Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes preaching

15th November – Sung Eucharist on Trinity Twenty-Three at 11am.

Revd Margaret Widdess celebrating and preaching.

Friday 20th November - Choral Evensong sung by members of the Choir of Queens College at 6:15pm.

22nd November – Mattins *with* Holy Communion on the Sunday next before Advent at 11am.

Will Lyon Tupman preaching.

29th November – Sung Eucharist on **Advent Sunday** at 11am.

Fr Max Bayliss, Chaplain, Queens College, preaching.

4th December - Choral Evensong sung by members of the Choir of Queens College at 6:15pm.

6th December – **Advent Carol Service** *with* Holy Communion at 11am.

Please make a note of all these dates and what is happening on them in your diaries.

Fr Stephen

Priest in Charge

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