



From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends

Newsletter 26

Welcome to this May 2021 edition of the Monthly Newsletter.

The coming months of May and June see a whole range of liturgical festivals as the story of our Salvation through the Passion, Cross and Resurrection is completed at the Ascension: Our Lord takes our scarred humanity with Him in his wounded but fully human body into Heaven, paving the way for us.

Our Lord promises not to leave us comfortless and so we then celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to us at Whitsun as the energy and impulse of God.

The following Sunday we enter the long season of the Trinity, giving thanks for the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, allowing a change of emphasis in our scriptural readings from the story of our Salvation to how to live the Christian life.

We shall then keep the Feast of Corpus Christi this year in thanksgiving for Our Lord's continued sacramental Presence with us in the Holy Communion by the power of the Holy Spirit. With His holy Word, It is the means by which Our Lord goes on feeding us.

This then takes us fully into June, when additional services and activities are planned to keep our 700th Anniversary. More about all this next month ...

The end of the beginning or the beginning of the end?



After the worst ravages of the pandemic earlier this year, a significant step on the road of returning to normality took place in church over the weekend of 17th / 18th April.

The easing of restrictions made it possible for the Marriage of **Harry Eastwood and Kat Daly** to take place on the Saturday, albeit with some restrictions still applying, including a limitation on the number of guests to 15 people.

This was followed by the Baptism of **Lana Mae Vesper Sword**

during the Sung Eucharist on the Sunday.

Both were joyful occasions blessed by early Spring sunshine, allowing some mingling to take place afterwards in the garden (which is presenting very well currently).

It has not been possible to have a Baptism or Wedding at St Botolph's for well over a year; and a number of couples have been disappointed, not the least **Anna Davanzo and Laurie Carroll**, who are now to be married in Manchester (where they now live) on 29th May. It was good to see them again recently, albeit on screen, when they joined our Sunday worship when it was conducted by Zoom up until last month. We hold them in our thoughts and prayers for their married life together.

However, they intend to return to Cambridge and St Botolph's next year on



the 4th June 2022 for the Renewal of their Vows and a Marriage Blessing, followed by a Reception.

Some images from the Eastwood wedding can be found at the back of the Newsletter.

APCM

The Annual Meetings to elect the Churchwardens and PCC and receive the Accounts and various reports on different aspects of our common life together will be on **Sunday 9th May at 12:15pm.**

Please put the date in your diaries and try to attend the meeting. There will only be a short address at the prior service on that day.

700th Anniversary Celebrations



Our 700th Anniversary Celebrations, due last year, but deferred to this year because of enforced church closures, take place in June 2021.

Our principal celebration, with the Bishop of Ely, was to have been on the 20th June. Unfortunately, this is now the day before most of the current restrictions are due to be lifted. A full choral programme has been conceived for the service, but given the uncertainty of the rules covering singing and refreshments, this principal celebration has been deferred until

Saturday 26th June Sung Eucharist at 11am

in the hope that most restrictions will have been lifted earlier in that week.

The Bishop has agreed to lead our celebrations on the new 26th June date.

Please make an entry now in your diary.

Services during May and June

Wednesday 28th April
9pm Compline by Zoom at 9pm

Sunday 2nd May – Fourth Sunday after Easter
11am Sung Eucharist
The Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter, Bishop of Huntingdon, celebrating and preaching

Sunday 9th May – Rogation Sunday
11am Mattins *with* Holy Communion
Followed by the APCM at 12:15pm

Thursday 13th May – Ascension Day
6pm Sung Eucharist
Fr Stephen preaching

Sunday 16th May – Sunday After Ascension
11am Sung Eucharist
Will Lyon Tupman preaching

Wednesday 19th May
9pm Compline by Zoom

Sunday 23rd May – Whitsunday (Pentecost)
11am Sung Eucharist
Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes preaching

Sunday 30th May – Trinity Sunday
11am Sung Eucharist *with* Holy Baptism of Arthur Lucian Walmsley
Fr Stephen preaching

June – 700th Anniversary month

Thursday 3rd June – Corpus Christi
6pm – Sung Eucharist
Ben O'Neill preaching
Choral programme?

Sunday 6th June – First Sunday after Trinity
 I I am Sung Eucharist
Priest and Choir of Esher Parish Church to sing the Liturgy?

Wednesday 9th June
 9pm Compline by Zoom

Sunday 13th June – Second Sunday after Trinity
 I I am Mattins *with* Holy Communion
Fr Tim L'Estrange, President of the Botolphian Society, preaching

Thursday 17th June – Feast of St Botolph
6pm Festal Evensong
Revd Canon Jessica Martin, Canon Residentiary, Ely Cathedral, preaching

Sunday 20th June – Third Sunday after Trinity
 I I am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 23rd June
 9pm Compline by Zoom

Saturday 26th June – Patronal Festival (to include giving thanks for 700 years of St Botolph's Church)
I I am – Sung Eucharist
The Lord Bishop of Ely to celebrate and preach
Special choral programme
Local clergy invited

Sunday 27th June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity
 I I am Holy Communion (*said with hymns – as Sunday after Christmas*)

Wall Replastering

As required by the DAC, the work to replaster the South Wall has now finished and all that is awaited is the refixing of the dado rail to complete the work.

The Lamb Sculpture

There has been a very fruitful meeting between members of the PCC (Colin Greenhalgh and Tim Brown) and Fr Stephen with a Cambridge based philanthropist, David Ball, who is willing, most generously, to assist with fundraising for the permanent acquisition of The Lamb sculpture. David has a

considerable history of fundraising locally and we hope that our combined efforts will bear fruit. Of the required £20,000 purchase price, it is hoped that £5,000 might be raised from within the congregation.

Appointment of new Quinquennial Inspecting Architect

Interviews of four good candidates took place by Zoom on 26th March. It was agreed unanimously by the selection panel - and endorsed by the PCC - that **Stephanie Norris** of Stephanie Norris Architects Ltd of Impington be appointed as our Quinquennial Inspecting Architect for the next 5 years, subject to ratification by the Diocesan Advisory Committee at its May meeting.

Stephanie is a conservation architect and prior to setting up her own practice in 2019, worked for the notable local practices of Purcel and Freeland Rees Roberts as the lead architect on several ecclesiastical and college instructions.

There are around two dozen churches within her brief currently, including Holy Trinity, Cambridge, where Stephanie led a major project creatively to reorder and extend the church imaginatively, despite Holy Trinity only having a very small site. She has also worked on behalf of a number of churches either to install or upgrade kitchen facilities.

We welcome her to St Botolph's – our Quinquennial Inspection is due next year – and thank Ashley Courtney for his work with us over the past number of years.

Suspension of Presentation

Meetings with the Archdeacon have been deferred while a search of the records concerning the legal ownership and transfer of the Rectory takes place at Lambeth Palace. The Ely Registry no longer retains any documents or correspondence.

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22nd April 2021

**Images from the Harry Eastwood and Kat Daly Wedding - 17th April
and the Baptism of Lana Mae Vesper Sword on 18th April**



The Bride & Groom (above) and images from the Marriage Service (below)



Getting ready (above) and happy singers celebrate afterwards (below).

The Sword family with Tamara's Mother and Godparents gather in the garden after the Baptism (second below)

