

# ST BOTOLPH

C A M B R I D G E

*From the Priest in Charge*

Dear Friends

## Newsletter 25

Welcome to this April 2021 edition of the Monthly Newsletter.

### Easter

#### HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2021



**Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Sung Eucharist with palms and reading of the Passion Gospel at 11am.**

Fr Stephen preaching.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Compline by Zoom in Holy Week at 9pm

**Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Sung Eucharist at 6pm followed by the stripping of the Sanctuary and a guided Watch of the Passion.**

Will Lyon Tupman preaching.

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Liturgy of the Day at 10:30am.**

Fr Stephen preaching on the Seven Last Words from the Cross

**Easter Day 4<sup>th</sup> April – Sung Eucharist at 11am**

Professor Emerita Morna Hooker, *previously Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity & Fellow of Robinson College*, preaching

*The Prayer Book requires Communion to be received on at least three occasions during the year, one of which must be Easter Day.*

## **St Botolph's at dusk**

An unusual image taken of St Botolph's and the tips of surrounding buildings at dusk recently, while looking up into the clear blue sky and the bright moon.



*(Image courtesy of Will Lyon Tupman)*

## **Services during April**

Following Easter, set out below is the pattern of services over the remaining month or so, together with the various preachers:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Low Sunday  
Mattins with Holy Communion at 11am  
Ben O'Neill preaching

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Compline by Zoom at 9pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
*The Marriage of Harry Eastwood and Kat Daly at 11am*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday after Easter  
 Sung Eucharist at 11am  
 Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes preaching

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Third Sunday after Easter  
 Mattins with Holy Communion at 11am  
 Fr Max Bayliss, Chaplain, Queens College, celebrating and preaching

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
 Compline by Zoom at 9pm

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

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> May at 12:15pm.**

Please put the date in your diaries and try to attend the meeting. There will be no sermon at the prior service on that day.

## **700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

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

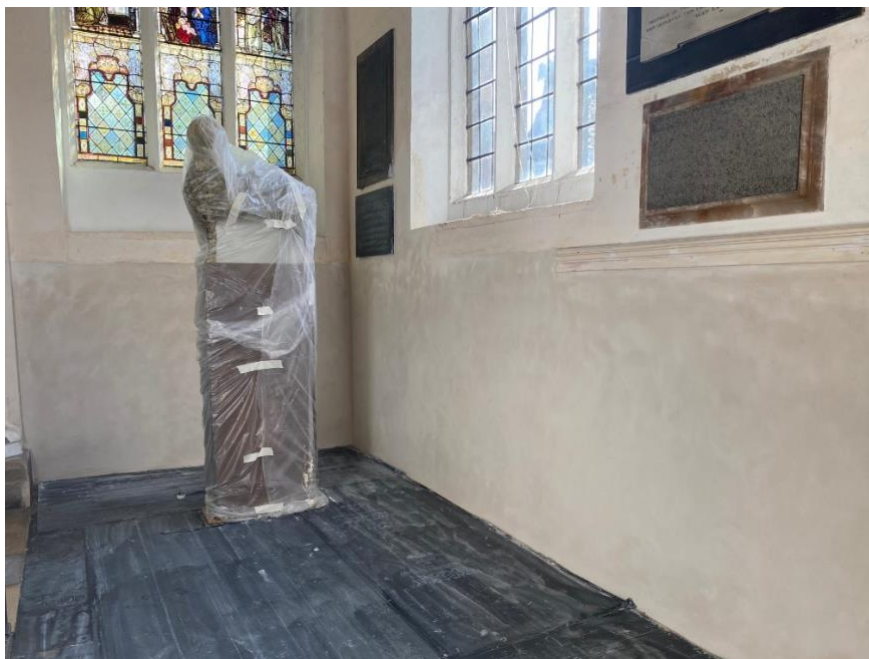
Our principal celebration, with the Bishop of Ely, was to have been on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately, this is now the day before most of the current restrictions are due to be lifted. A full music programme has been conceived for the service, but given the uncertainty of the rules covering choirs and refreshments, this principal celebration has been deferred until **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> June date.

Please make an entry now in your diary.

## Wall Replastering

As required by the DAC, the work to replaster the South Wall has continued and is now awaiting final limewashing and the dado rail refixing in position 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 are set to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> March and a recommendation will be taken to the PCC meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March. The name of the new Architect will be announced in the next Monthly Newsletter.

## Suspension of Presentation

The PCC has now written formally to the Bishop about the Suspension of Presentation. In the meantime, parallel discussions are continuing with the Archdeacon about the status of St Botolph's Rectory. The Ely Registry is

conducting a search for legal agreements and past papers concerning the use of the Rectory.

May I wish all readers of this Newsletter a good keeping of Holy Week and a joyful Easter.

*Fr Stephen*  
Priest in Charge  
Parish Church of St Botolph, Cambridge

Feast of the Annunciation to the BVM  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Annunciation, the visit of the Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary, is “that mysterious moment of awareness, assent and transformation in which eternity touches time” (*Malcolm Guite*).

*Delicately painted images from the Chancel Screen at St Botolph’s*

