

The Week ahead

Monday 19th March

2.00pm Memorial Service for Mary Lewis in church
 4.30pm - 5.30pm Going Bananas
 7.30pm - 9.30pm Marriage Preparation in Church House
 7.30pm - 9.00pm Bellringing in Church
 7.30pm SENT meeting in Church House

Tuesday 20th March

9.30am - 11.00am Make & Play
 4.30pm - 5.30pm Going Bananas
 7.30pm PCC in Church House

Wednesday 21st March

6.15pm - 7.45pm Brownies
 7.30pm Music Practice in Church
 8.00pm - 9.30pm Link

Thursday 22nd March

7.30pm - 9.00pm Engage (Post-Alpha)
 7.30pm - 9.00pm Grid

Services for Sunday 25th March

9.15am & 11.00am Morning Service
 6.30pm Evening Service with Lent Course

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St Botolph's Church Family News



March 18th 2012
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to all visitors and regular members of our congregation, especially mums!



Drinks are served in Church House after the 9.15am service - do come and join us.



"With all my heart I praise the Lord,
and I am glad because of God my Saviour."

Luke 1:47

Services today

8.00am Holy Communion

9.15am Family Service with baptism
 Luke 1 v 46 - 56 p 1026

11.00am Morning Service
 Psalm 24 p 555

6.30pm Lent Course
"The secret of true happiness"
 Matthew 18 v 21 - 35 p 985

Easter Morning Breakfast

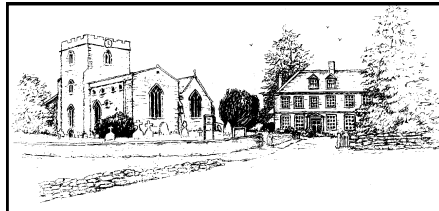
Please sign the list at the back of the church if you wish to come to the breakfast after the 6.15 service on Easter morning. Thank you.

Electoral Roll

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 11th March and 25th March 2012. We invite anyone whose name is not already on the roll, who is baptised, over the age of 16, and has regularly worshipped at St Botolph's for the past 6 months to join. Forms are available on the table at the back of the church and on completion should be handed in to one of the sidespersons, Geoff Fawkes, the Electoral Roll Officer or Tina Noble.

Annual Meeting - Sunday 22nd April 11.00am

After seven years of tireless service Phil will be standing down as church warden at the annual meeting in April. Please pray for the appointment of his successor as church warden, a very important role in the life of the church. We also hope to appoint two deputy wardens this year, please remember this in your prayers too.



As springtime approaches we are grateful to the army of volunteers who help maintain our church and Church House grounds. It's a great witness to have grounds that are so well cared for.

Nomination Forms for Church Wardens, Deputy Wardens and PCC Members are available at the back of church. Please complete them and hand them in to the Church Office.

Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes for 2012 - 2013

These are now available at the back of the church ready for collection.



Thank you to all those who helped to plant the daffodil bulbs alongside the church path - it's looking really lovely. Thanks also to Roy Reddaway for donating them in memory of his wife, Dorothy.

Office Hours

Please note the office will be closed for the week beginning March 26th



A big "Thank you" to Rod and Judith Clarke and Sandy Frost for providing the flowers for all the ladies today, and to all those who turned up on Saturday morning to add the finishing touches.



More Notices and Dates for your diary

Easyfundraising.org.uk

- We received our first cheque for £69 this week as a result of 35 people shopping via the EasyFundRaising web site last year.
- So far this year we have raised another £27, so please keep shopping so we can increase Church funds even further.
- Remember whenever you shop online you can help increase St Botolph's funds, so please register.

Come along to a Vintage Tea Party At Church House on Saturday 21st April from 2.45pm - 5pm

Tea will be served on vintage china with tiers of scrummy cakes, pots of tea and whilst you're chatting with friends we invite you to make simple but fabulously pretty things to take home. Bring friends, sisters, daughters, mothers and have a fabulous afternoon. Tickets £5 from the Church Office (414052) (Ticket includes all craft materials etc)



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It is believed that up to 27million people live in slavery today, many of whom are women and children trafficked from their home countries and forced into the sex trade. A song (and video) have been produced by Matt Redman and L27(Christians) called '**27 Million**'

The song will raise money for the **A21 Campaign**, which works in Eastern Europe to prevent human trafficking. Please support the campaign by downloading the song--at a cost of 99p For more info. please visit -**www.thea21campaign.org**

Advance Notice of Easter Services at St Botolph's Church

Maundy Thursday – April 5th

7.00pm Informal Service of Holy Communion in Church House

Good Friday – April 6th

9.15am Family Service followed by a Procession of Witness in Kettering starting at St Peter and St Paul at 11.00am

2.00pm An hour at the cross – St Edmund's Church, Warkton

Easter Day – April 8th

6.15am Sunrise Service of Holy Communion on the cricket field behind the church, followed by breakfast in Church House

9.15am Easter Family Celebration

11.00am Easter Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

6.30pm Informal Service of Holy Communion in Church

Prayer Diary

A new Prayer Diary is now available. Please use this to pray for everyone in our fellowship and also all the activities which surround our church. They do cost us to produce so we hope you won't mind us asking for a donation of £1 for each hard copy. If you would like a copy e-mailed to you FOC please contact the office.

We are really sorry that we missed the names of several young people. If you took a prayer diary before the alterations please add the following names:-

Ellie Burch - alongside Phil and Lindsey

Ieuan Ward - alongside Jacqui

David White - alongside Ian and Reni

If you are aware of any other omissions please let the office know.



Memorial service for Mary Lewis

A memorial service will be held for Mary Lewis at St Botolph's Church on **Monday 19th March at 2.00pm** followed by interment of her ashes in the churchyard. Everyone who knew Mary and wishes to remember her and celebrate her life is welcome. There will be tea in Church House afterwards.

Prayer Corner

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week:-

- The family and friends of Ron Adams
- Helen Ganney's Family
- David and Mathilde Goodlad
- Paul and Rachel Samways
- Geoff and Gloria Smith
- Esme Good
- Michael Wolf
- Norman Harrison



Coalition for marriage - please sign petition.

The aim of this coalition is to stop the Government **REDEFINING MARRIAGE** to introduce **SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**. Homosexual activists are demanding the abolition of the traditional definition of marriage and want to impose a new version on the whole of society. **We have 79 signatures so far.**

More information can be found on the Christian Institute website, www.christian.org.uk or you can read about it and sign the petition at the back of church.

9.15am Sidespeople needed

We need another couple of people to join our 9.15am team of sidespeople who welcome people and have various other duties.

Full training will be given. Ideally volunteers need to be 'elected' at the APCM so we would like to fill the spaces before then. If you think you would like to help please contact either Cayti Bilski (519560) or the Church Office.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

The usual Walk of Witness through Kettering town centre on Good Friday is on Friday 6th April starting at 11.00am from the Parish Church.

An opportunity for all the churches in Kettering to make a united public statement about the reality of the Easter message.

The more people attend, the greater the impact!

