



# Parish & Ward Church of **ST. BOTOLPH** WITHOUT BISHOPSGATE

## News from St Botolph-without- Bishopsgate June 2021

### St Botolph's Feast Day

June is always a special month for St Botolph's. It is the month in which we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron, St Botolph. Patron saints are important characters in the life of any church. The patron saint colours the tone of the Church and the saint's attributes and acts for which he or she is celebrated are inevitably reflected in the life and work of the church.

In that context, we are fortunate to have a patron saint who is renowned for his generosity of spirit and his good works.

St Botolph is the patron saint of wayfarers. In the days when the great gates of the City of London were closed in the evening to keep the inhabitants safe at night the church of St Botolph without, that is outside, Bishopsgate provided sanctuary and safety for those who found themselves locked out. It provided a haven for those left without.

At St Botolph's today, we continue to draw on this admirable and rich pastoral heritage. We work constantly to include those who are excluded in by society. This includes those who come to our homeless hub for help, all who are rejected for whatever reason, and all those who are stressed, weary, and ill or in any kind of need. St Botolph's is a place of sanctuary.

We share this role of looking after the spiritual and physical needs our parish with our good neighbour, the Roman Catholic church of St Mary Moorfields. It is with joy that we welcome the parish priest there, Fr Chris Vipers to preach at our St Botolph's day lunchtime service on 16 June. After the service drinks in the churchyard weather permitting. If you can make it, I look forward to welcoming you.

With God's love and blessing, Fr David

### Weekly Church opening times and services

The Church is open  
Monday to Friday 10am—3pm

Tuesday Said Mass 1.10pm,  
Wednesday Choral Mass 1.10pm  
Thursday Said Mass 1.10pm

All these services will also be streamed live or at any time after on our website [www.botolph.org.uk](http://www.botolph.org.uk)

Music for the Choral Services

#### 9 June Choral Mass

##### *in the week of the First Sunday after Trinity*

Missa 2 vocum æqualium *Lotti & Cordans*;  
Jesus soll mein alles sein, BWV 190 *Bach*;  
Fugue in C minor, BWV 537(ii) *Bach*

#### 16 June Choral Patronal Festival Mass of S Botolph

Missa 'Ego flos campi' *Padilla*; Laudate Dominum *Mozart*;  
Prelude in C, BWV 545(i) *Bach*

#### 23 June Choral Mass of The Birth of S John the Baptist

Missa 'Ut re mi fa sol la' *Morales*;  
Fuit homo missus a Deus *Palestrina*;  
Fantasia super Ut, re, mi, fa, sol, la *Froberger*

#### 30 June Choral Mass of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

Spatzenmesse, K 220 *Mozart*;  
Tu es Petrus *Clemens*; Entrée pontificale *Bossi*



### Special service for the Bowyers' Company

On 25 May the officers and many members of the Worshipful Company of Bowyers attended St Botolph's for a special service to mark the 400th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter by King James I. The service included appropriate music from each century of the Charter's existence, and an extract from the Charter was solemnly proclaimed. In Fr David's absence on leave, the service was taken by Fr Andrew Williams, who welcomed the Company and led them in prayer.

**Can you help us financially?** Our regular income continues to take rather a hit during the ongoing lockdown period, with the loss of regular and special service collections and alms box donations, as well as other normal income streams including Hall and Court hire. If you are in a position to give St Botolph's any financial support at this time, perhaps you might consider giving by standing order or direct debit, or a one-off donation via the website? Our Administrator can help with bank details or any other queries [church@botolph.org.uk](mailto:church@botolph.org.uk)



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### AGM ELECTION RESULTS

The Annual Vestry Meeting and Parochial Church Meeting took place last Thursday 20 May (by Zoom). The many members of the Electoral Roll who were present heard about St Botolph's activities during the past extraordinary year, and of exciting current and future projects.

The results of the elections held at the meetings have been posted in church, and can be seen below. The church's revised Electoral Roll was presented to the APCM, and the Roll is once more open for new applications.

### RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Parish of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate City Deanery  
At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the above parish held on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 12.45 pm (via Zoom)

The following were elected as Churchwardens for the year 2021-22: Mr Frank Curtiss  
Ms Chris Watkins

The following were elected as Lay Members of the Parochial Church Council for the year 2021-22:  
Mr Christopher Butten  
Mr Nick Creswick Gough  
Mr Simon Davis  
Mr Alastair Harris  
Ms Wendy Hyde CC  
Mr Peter Kibble  
Mr Christopher Lawrance  
Miss Mary Moore

### City church bells to ring out once more

If the easing of restrictions planned for 21 June goes ahead, we are hoping to welcome back our loyal team of bellringers to ring for Wednesday services from 23 June onwards.

On Saturday 26 June a 'Festival of Bells for the Re-opening of the City of London', sponsored by the Lord Mayor, is planned, which will involve as many as possible of the City churches ringing their bells in rotation across the morning and afternoon and possibly even into the evening. St Botolph's will be taking part, and when the details are confirmed we will post an announcement on the website.



### Wedding update

Currently 30 people are able to attend, a wedding and final restrictions maybe lifted from 21 June this year meaning that there will be no limit on the number of people attending weddings.

If you are interested in being married at St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate or would like your marriage blessed please contact Fr David.



### St Botolph's Feast Day

We will be celebrating the Feast Day of our patron saint, St Botolph, at our lunchtime service on Wednesday 16 June. We are hoping to have a small celebration after the service with drinks in the garden weather permitting. The service will contain some splendid music and a guest preacher. All are welcome to attend in person or as with all our services, join in by watching the broadcast via our website.

