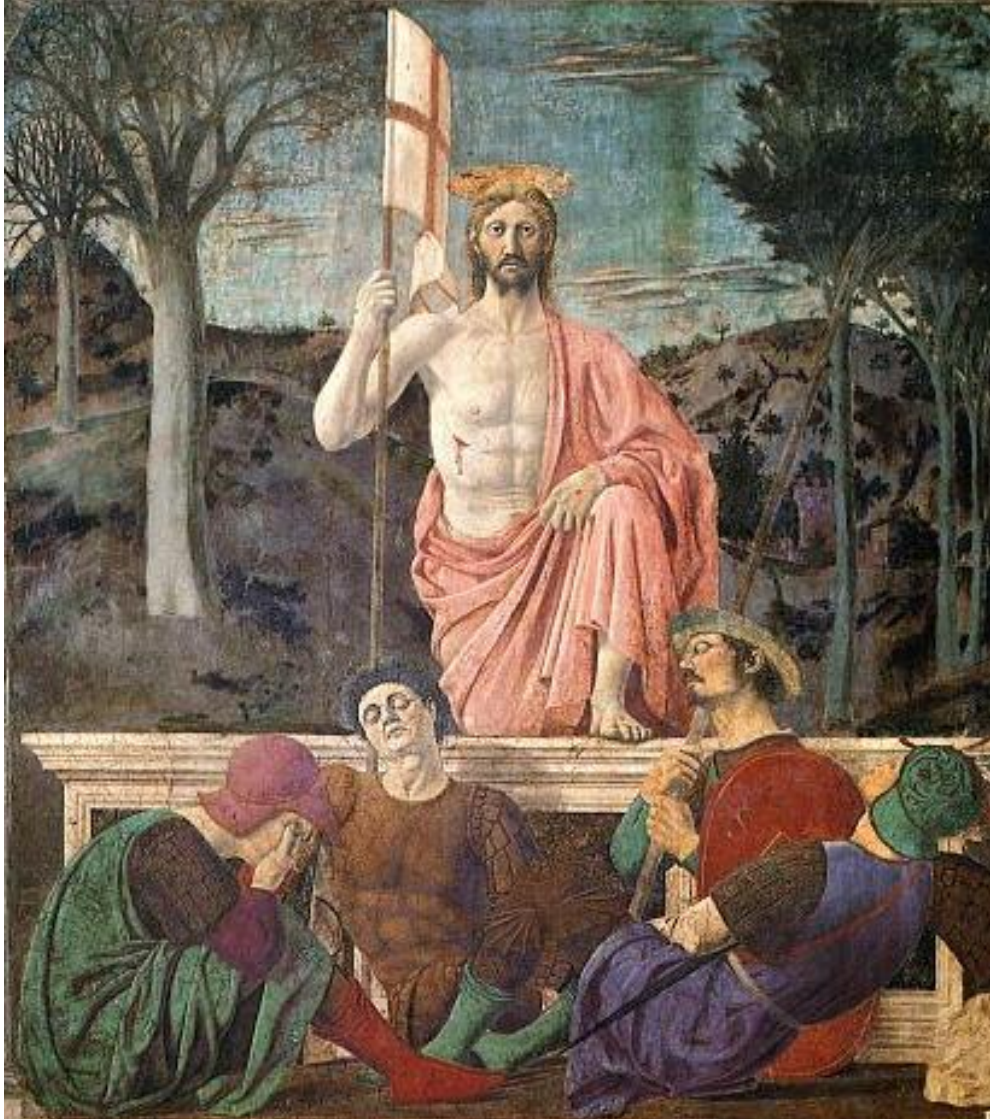




The Parish and Ward Church of  
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate  
in the City of London  
EC2M 3TL



*Piero della Francesca, c. 1465, Museo Civico di Sansepolcro*

# Choral Mass

with the Commissioning of a Lay Assistant  
at Holy Communion

*in the week of* **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 1.10 pm**

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*St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate - a place of calm, sanctuary and God's love in the City*

## Welcome to St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate

**Setting of the Mass:** Mass in C—Anthony Werner 1817-66

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 119 (verses 1-3) *Finita jam sunt proelia*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluya!  
Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluya!  
On the third morn he rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluya!

**Gloria in excelsis:** see the Mass book for translation of the Latin text

**First Lesson:** Acts 17: 22-31

### Gospel Acclamation

*The refrain is sung first by the Cantor  
and then by all:*

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Lle-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

*This verse is sung by the Cantor:*

A little while and you will no longer see me, says the Lord:  
and again a little while and you will see me.

**and the refrain is then repeated by all**

**Gospel:** S John 14: 15-21

**After the Sermon:** Commissioning of a Lay Assistant - see separate sheet (if you are following online, this is at the end of this service sheet)

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up.  
**As is our custom, all donations made in church in this Christian Aid Week will be sent to the charity for their work towards bringing an end to poverty around the world.**

If you are a UK taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid envelope.  
We are also able to accept contactless payments – if you prefer to donate by this method please use the device at the back of church or the QR code on the back page of this service sheet.

**Offertory Hymn: NEH 124**

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with him from death's domains  
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all;  
Earth, heaven and hell before him bow  
And at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
Into his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.

***Sanctus, Benedictus qui venit, and Agnus Dei:*** see the Mass book

**Anthem during Communion:**

Herr Gott Vater, mein starker Held!  
Du hast mich ewig vor der Welt  
In deinem Sohn geliebet.  
Dein Sohn hat mich ihm selbst vertraut,  
Er ist mein Schatz, ich bin sein Braut,  
Sehr hoch in ihm erfreuet.

Eia! Eia! Himmlisch Leben wird er geben mir dort oben;  
Ewig soll mein Herz ihn loben.

*Lord God, Father, my mighty champion! Thou hast loved me in thy Son  
before the world began. Thy Son has betrothed me to himself: he is my  
beloved and I am his bride and highly delighted in him. Eia! Eia! He shall  
grant me heavenly life above, and my heart shall ever praise him.*

*Philipp Nicolai 1556-1608*

*Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750  
(from Cantata 37, BWV 37, for Ascension Day)*

## **Closing Hymn: NEH 118**

The Lord is risen indeed!  
Now is his work performed;  
Now is the mighty Captive freed,  
And death's strong castle stormed.

The Lord is risen indeed!  
Then hell has lost his prey;  
With him is risen the ransomed seed  
To reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed!  
He lives, to die no more;  
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,  
Whose curse and shame he bore.

## **Organ music:**

Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ, BWV 628—Johann Sebastian Bach

*All are warmly invited to join us for refreshments following the service.*

## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES**

### **Church opening and service times**

The church is open for public worship and private prayer every Monday to Friday 7.30 am to 5.30 pm, continuing to maintain God's physical presence in the City of London. Our normal service pattern is:

Tuesdays - Said Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Wednesdays - Choral Mass with sermon at 1.10 pm

Thursdays - Said Mass at 12.10 pm

All the lunchtime services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel (accessible from the church website [www.botolph.org.uk](http://www.botolph.org.uk)).

### **Tomorrow, 18 May - The Ascension of Our Lord: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm**

Missa 'Ascendens Christus' *Victoria*

Ascendit Deus *Philips*

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630 *Bach*

**Next Tuesday, 23 May: Morning Prayer at 8.10 am** (instead of Mass)

Mass at 12.10 pm

### **Next Wednesday, 24 May: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm**

Mass in G *Casali*; If ye love me *Tallis*

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist *Pachelbel*

**The Choral Mass is followed immediately by the Annual Meetings  
– more information on the inside back page of this service sheet**

**Next Thursday, 25 May:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**Next Friday, 26 May:** Funeral Service for Tom Spencer RIP at 12.00 noon

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## **Lent donations – thank you**



A huge thank you to all who gave so generously to our Lent Appeal. We have been able to send a total of £1700 to support the work of our Priest Missioner, Fr Andrew Williams, in his role as Vicar of our partner church of St Francis at the Engine Room, Tottenham Hale N17.

## **Christian Aid Week 14-20 May**

Our special appeal this week is for Christian Aid – all service collections and alms given in church this week will be sent to the charity for their work towards bringing an end to poverty around the world.



## **Mental Health Awareness Week 15-21 May**

This week is also Mental Health Awareness Week, which this year has a focus on anxiety. The organisers' aim is to increase people's awareness and understanding of anxiety by providing information on the things that can help prevent it from becoming a problem, and at the same time, they continue to demand change - making sure that improving mental health is a key priority for the government and society as a whole.

*Some resources for more information, advice and events:*

Mental Health Foundation - <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk>

MIND - <https://www.mind.org.uk>

*Specifically in the City, mental health is a focus of this year's Lord Mayor's Appeal and there is a Roadshow running all this week:*

<https://www.thelordmayorsappeal.org/news-and-events/events-calendar/1189/this-is-me-mental-health-awareness-week-2023-the-city-of-london-roadshow/>

## **Global Week of Prayer: 'Thy Kingdom Come'**

From tomorrow, Ascension Day, to our celebration of Pentecost on 31 May, St Botolph's will be joining in once again with the Global Week of Prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Started in 2016 as an invitation to the Church of England from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the movement has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

*More information at* <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

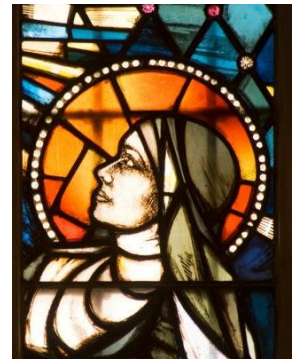


## **This Friday, 19 May - XLP City Sleep Out CANCELLED**

We're sorry to have to say that our neighbours and partner charity XLP have had to cancel the City Sleep Out, planned for this Friday 19 May.

## **This Sunday, 21 May - St Ethelburga's event invitation**

To mark our joint commemoration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bishopsgate Bomb, our friends across the road at St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace have extended an invitation for any members of the St Botolph's community to attend their event 'Celebrating Courage: Stories of Displacement & Home.'



The organisers say: "Ahead of national Refugee Week, join us as we uplift the voices of those with histories of displacement. We'll share food, music, and conversation about how to live courageously, even in these uncertain times."

*For more information visit the event web page – St Botolph's members are invited to register for the event in the 'guests' category (no charge)*

<https://stethelburgas.org/event/kolbassia-haoussou-rihab-azar-aarif-abraham-celebrating-courage-stories-of-displacement-home/#tribe-tickets>

## **Looking ahead to celebrations next month**



### **WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE**

All are invited to join us as we celebrate our patron St Botolph

### **CHORAL PATRONAL FESTIVAL MASS at 1.10pm**

Our distinguished guest preacher is to be The Very Revd Andrew Tremlett, Dean of St Paul's. The choral music will reflect St Botolph's participation in the 'Wren 300' celebrations marking the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Sir Christopher Wren, architect of St Paul's and many of the City churches.

The service will be followed by the traditional Parish Party including a special St Botolph Cake.

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### **Wednesday 21 June – Choral Mass at 1.10 pm**

The choral music at this service also will reflect St Botolph's participation in the 'Wren 300' celebrations.

# **WREN | 300**

*More information and a full listing of Wren-related events can be found at <https://wren300.org>*

## **Monthly newsletter**

Our newsletter is now circulated by email - the next issue will include more detailed information about the Patronal Festival and other June events. If we don't have your contact details, and you would like to receive the newsletter, do let us know either by completing the subscription form on the website or by emailing Mhairi at [church@botolph.org.uk](mailto:church@botolph.org.uk).

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## **St Botolph's Electoral Roll**

The Roll was closed for its annual revision from 9 to 10 May and the new Roll is now displayed on the noticeboard by the Bishopsgate entrance until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 24 May. The Roll will be open again for new applications following that meeting.

*Mhairi Ellis, Electoral Roll Officer*

## **Annual Meetings**

The Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place **next Wednesday 24 May at 2.00 pm, in church following the Choral Mass. (It is hoped it may also be possible to include attendees by Zoom in a hybrid meeting – this will be confirmed as soon as practicable.)** Fr David and the Churchwardens very much hope that as many as possible of our regular 'family' will wish to hear reports both of what has happened during the past year at St Botolph's and also of our future projects.

At the **Vestry Meeting** we appoint our Churchwardens for the forthcoming year. Residents of the parish on the electoral register are eligible to attend this meeting in addition to members of the congregation. *Candidates for the post of Churchwarden must be over 21, on the Electoral Roll, and actual communicant members of the Church of England. Nominations must be proposed and seconded, and candidates must indicate their willingness to stand.*

This will be followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, at which we elect representatives to Deanery Synod and members of our Parochial Church Council (PCC), and receive from the Parochial Church Council the Accounts and Annual Reports.

*Candidates for election to the Synod and PCC must have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months, and be actual communicant members of the Church of England.*

There is also a brief meeting of the newly-elected **Parochial Church Council** immediately after these two meetings.

*Mhairi Ellis, PCC Secretary*

## Can you help us financially?

Our regular income continues to be depressed owing to the knock-on effects of Covid, with a reduction in our normal income streams including Hall and Court hire, service collections and alms donations as fewer people are working in and visiting the City of London. 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? You will find more information about ways of supporting us on the website at <https://botolph.org.uk/support-us/>, and the Administrator can help with queries ([church@botolph.org.uk](mailto:church@botolph.org.uk)).

- **Cash donations** (outside service times) may be placed in the alms boxes, or handed to a member of staff at any time. If you are a UK taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid envelope so we can claim back a further 25% from HMRC.
- **Card/contactless donations** can be made at any time via the device on the table at the back of church, **or this QR code**, and can be Gift Aided.
- **Credit card donations** can be made via the link on our website, and can be Gift Aided.

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Another way of supporting St Botolph's could be by way of your **online shopping**. The church is registered as a beneficiary charity at Give as you Live and Easy Fundraising – these are simple automatic ways for you to support us (at no extra cost to you, or to us) when shopping online:. The two schemes cover over 4000 shops and other websites – the systems are easy to use, and have been tried and tested on your behalf by the Administrator! More information from:

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

## The Good Coffee Kiosk



And why not support St Botolph's by buying your hot drinks from our coffee kiosk in the Bishopsgate entrance of the church? All the drinks are Fairtrade, and our barista José will give you a warm welcome and a loyalty card!

**Opening hours Monday to Friday 7.00 am-2.00 pm.**