



The Parish and Ward Church of  
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate  
in the City of London  
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*Icon of All Saints of Britain and Ireland, detail*

# Choral Mass

*upon the commemoration of*

**The Saints and Martyrs of England**  
**Wednesday 8 November 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

Fr David is a guest at a freeman ceremony at Guildhall –  
in his absence we welcome as celebrant and preacher Fr Peter McGeary,  
Vicar, St Mary's, Cable Street.

**Setting of the Mass:** Mass for three voices—William Byrd 1543-1623

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 199 (tune 205)

God, whose city's sure foundation  
Stands upon his holy hill,  
By his mighty inspiration  
Chose of old and chooseth still  
Men of every race and nation  
His good pleasure to fulfil.

Here in England through the ages,  
While the Christian years went by,  
Saints, confessors, martyrs, sages,  
Strong to live and strong to die,  
Wrote their names upon the pages  
Of God's blessed company.

Some there were like lamps of learning  
Shining in a faithless night,  
Some on fire with love, and burning  
With a flaming zeal for right,  
Some by simple goodness turning  
Souls from darkness unto light.

As we now with high thanksgiving  
Their triumphant names record,  
Grant that we, like them, believing  
In the promise of thy word,  
May, like them, in all good living,  
Praise and magnify the Lord.

**Kyrie eleison:** see the Mass book for translation of the Greek text

**First Lesson:** Romans 13: 8-10

### Gospel Acclamation

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

*This verse is sung by the Cantor:*

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our ancestors, and worthy of all praise;  
and glorious is your name for ever!

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

**Gospel:** S Luke 14: 25-33

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Lle-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

*During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up for  
Christ's work in this place. Please complete a Gift Aid envelope if you can.  
If you prefer to make a contactless donation please use one of the devices at  
the front or back of church, or the QR code displayed in the church porch.*

**Offertory Hymn: NEH 219**

Let our choirs new anthems raise,  
Bright the morn with gladness,  
When God turned to joy and praise  
All his servants' sadness:  
This the day that won their crown,  
Opened heaven's wide portal;  
They, mortality laid down,  
Entered life immortal.

Now they stand before the throne  
Clothed in robes of splendour,  
Death and torment overthrown,  
Praise to God they render;  
Praise alike to Christ their King  
From their lips is sounding,  
As they adoration bring  
For his grace abounding.

Let us then due honour pay,  
As we raise our voices,  
For the saint in whom today  
All the Church rejoices;  
Let God's people here below  
Still recount their story,  
How they fought against the foe  
For the Saviour's glory.

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

**During Communion:**

*The Agnus Dei of the Byrd Mass will be sung*

**Closing Hymn: NEH 224 (verses 1-4)**

For all thy saints, O Lord,  
Who strove in thee to live,  
Who followed thee, obeyed, adored,  
Our grateful hymn receive.

For all thy saints, O Lord,  
Who strove in thee to die,  
Who counted thee their great reward,  
Accept our thankful cry.

O Lord, thy name we bless,  
And humbly pray that we  
May follow them in holiness  
Who lived and died in thee.

Thine earthly members fit  
To join thy saints above,  
In one communion ever knit,  
One fellowship of love.

*The text is by Richard Mant 1776–1848 (Rector of St Botolph's 1816–1818)*

**Organ music:** A Fancy—William Byrd

*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

The Wednesday and major Feast Day Choral Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel (accessible from the church website [www.botolph.org.uk](http://www.botolph.org.uk)).

**Tomorrow, Thursday 9 November:** Mass in church at 12.10 pm

Liverpool Street Station Remembrance: from 10.45 am, and including a two minutes' silence at 11.00 am, Fr David and the Railway Chaplain will lead a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at the station, with Iestyn Evans and one of St Botolph's singers leading the music.

Concert in church at 7.30 pm - Orlando Chamber Choir  
*see posters in church for more information*

### **This Friday, 10 November:**

Act of Remembrance at the WW1 Cross: at 11.50am Fr David and the Padre of the Honourable Artillery Company will lead a short act of remembrance at the WW1 Cross in the Churchyard (the first memorial to the Great War to be erected in London).

Service of Remembrance: at 12 noon we welcome officers and members of the HAC as they join the Padre, Fr David, and St Botolph's musicians for the Company's annual Remembrance service and wreath-laying.

**Next Tuesday, 14 November:** Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

**Next Wednesday, 15 November:** Choral Mass at 1.10 pm  
*In the week of Remembrance Sunday, we conclude our season of remembrance with appropriate prayers, hymns and choral music:*

Mass of the Quiet Hour *Oldroyd*; Holy is the true light *Harris*  
Solemn Melody *Walford Davies*

Concert in church at 7.00 pm - Hermelindo Ruiz, guitar  
*see posters in church for more information*

**Next Thursday, 16 November:** Mass at 12.10 pm

### **The Good Coffee Kiosk is open**

Please consider supporting St Botolph's by buying your hot drinks from the Bishopsgate entrance of the church.

**Opening hours: Tuesday to Thursday 6.30 am-12.00 noon.**

