



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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Ss Philip and James, illuminated MS

Choral Mass

with the Commissioning of Lay Assistants
at Holy Communion
upon the Feast Day of

Ss Philip and James, Apostles

Wednesday 1 May 2024 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: Missa Brevis in C, K 458
(‘Spaur’ or ‘Piccolomini’ Mass)—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-91

Opening Hymn: NEH 164 (verses 1-3, 5; tune 238)

Twin princes of the courts of heaven,
To you by Christ our Lord was given
With all the apostolic band,
A place of honour at his hand.

For he who would the Father see
Shall there behold him gloriously,
And who was least on earth below
Shall there the highest glories know.

On earth you bore the gospel light
And shed its rays o’er man’s dark night,
That Christ, our life, our truth, our way,
Might bring us to eternal day.

In faith you yielded up your breath
To him the victor over death,
And found in him, the risen Lord,
Salvation and a full reward.

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 30: 15-21

Gospel Acclamation

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

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

You did not choose me, I chose you, says the Lord,
and I appointed you to go out and bear fruit that will last.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S John 14: 1-14



During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up for Christ’s work in this place. 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 one of the devices at the front or back of church or the QR code on the back page of this order of service.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 214 (verses 1-4; second tune) *Exultet caelum laudibus*

Let the round world with songs rejoice;
Let heaven return the joyful voice,
All mindful of the Apostles' fame,
Let heaven and earth their praise proclaim.

Ye servants who once bore the light
Of Gospel truth o'er heathen night,
Still may your work that light impart,
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.

O God, by whom to them was given
The key that shuts and opens heaven,
Our chains unbind, our loss repair,
And grant us grace to enter there.

For at thy will they preached the word
Which cured disease, which health conferred:

O may that healing power once more
Our souls to grace and health restore.

The hymn-writer Richard Mant was Rector of St Botolph's 1816–20

**After the Sermon: The Commissioning of Alex Coles,
Paul Gibson, Alastair Harris, Tommy Lacken and David Lee
as Lay Assistants at Holy Communion**

Presentation of the Candidates

Priest: Dear friends in Christ: these candidates are to be entrusted with administering Holy Communion at the Mass.

Alex, Paul, Alastair, Tommy and David: in this ministry, you must be an example of Christian living in faith and conduct; you must strive to grow in holiness through this sacrament of unity and love. Remember that, though many, we are one body because we share the one bread and the one cup. As ministers of Holy Communion, be therefore especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbour. For when he gave his body as food to his disciples, he said to them, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Examination

Priest: Are you resolved to undertake faithfully the office of administration of Holy Communion to your brothers and sisters, and to serve to build up the Church?

Assistants being commissioned: I am.

Priest: Are you resolved to administer the Holy Communion with the utmost care and reverence?

Assistants being commissioned: I am.

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray with confidence to the Father; let us ask him to bestow his blessing on Alex, Paul, Alastair, Tommy and David, chosen to be Lay Assistants at Holy Communion.

Prayer of Blessing

O gracious Lord, thou dost nourish us with the Body and Blood of thy Son, that we might have eternal life. Bless our brothers who have been chosen to give the cup of salvation to thy faithful people. May the holy mysteries they distribute lead them to the joys of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The candidates then receive the Bishop's letter of Authority giving them permission to officiate as Lay Assistants at Holy Communion.

The service continues with the Intercessions

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

Anthem during communion:

Estote fortes in bello et pugnate cum antiquo serpente,
et accipietis regnum aeternum, alleluia.

*Be valiant in war, and fight the ancient serpent,
and you shall enter the everlasting kingdom. Alleluia.*

Motet for the Feasts of Apostles

Tomás Luis de Victoria 1548–1611

Closing Hymn: NEH 215 (verses 1, 2, 5; tune 434)

Captains of the saintly band,
Lights who lighten every land,
Princes who with Jesus dwell,
Judges of his Israel:

On the nations sunk in night
Ye have shed the Gospel light;
Sin and error flee away;
Truth reveals the promised day.

Distant lands with one acclaim
Tell the honour of your name,
Who, wherever man has trod,
Teach the mysteries of God.

Organ music: Canzon quarti toni (Messa della Apostoli)

—Girolamo Frescobaldi 1583-1643

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

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

One of the many great strengths of the Church of England is its system of governance, from parish level to General Synod. At parish level, the Electoral Roll ensures that members of a church can shape the local mission and ministry by electing the officers necessary to do that hard work.

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

We encourage regular worshippers at St Botolph's to apply: even if you are already on the Roll at your Sunday or 'home' church, you can be on the Roll here too.

Our Electoral Roll will be closed for its annual revision from 8-9 May: if you wish to be added please complete the attached form and **return it by Wednesday 8 May** either in paper form to the church office, or by email to Mhairi at church@botolph.org.uk.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 22 May at 2.00 pm, in church** following the Choral Mass. 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 members of our Parochial Church Council (PCC), and receive from the Parochial Church Council the Accounts and Annual Reports. *Candidates for election to the 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

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

Choral services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel (accessible from the church website www.botolph.org.uk).

Tomorrow, Thursday 2 May: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 7 May: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 8 May: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Mass in C *Werner*; *Christo resurgenti Couperin*

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux (Messe à l'usage des Paroisses) *Couperin*

Next Thursday, 9 May: The Ascension of Our Lord

Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Missa 'Ascendens Christus in altum' *Victoria*; *Ascendit Deus Philips*

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630 *Bach*

NB there will be no Mass at 12.10 pm on Ascension Day

Global Week of Prayer: 'Thy Kingdom Come'

From Ascension Day to Pentecost St Botolph's will be joining in once again with the Global Week of Prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

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



The Good Coffee Kiosk



We hope to have some news soon about the re-opening of the Kiosk – announcements will be made on the website, in service sheets and notices round the church, and in our monthly email newsletter.

Monthly newsletter

Our May newsletter should be going out today to members of the St Botolph's 'family'. If you do not already receive this and would like to, it is easy to subscribe via the website, or by emailing the Administrator at church@botolph.org.uk.

Tuesday 7 May - Clergy Support Trust Festival at St Paul's

Along with churches across the Diocese, St Botolph's congregation members are warmly invited to one of the oldest choral music events in the world – the Clergy Support Trust Festival Service at St Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday 7 May at 5.00 pm. The Festival Service has been a major highlight of the Church and the City calendars for four centuries. The musical selection promises to be spectacular, featuring works by Gabrieli, Parry and Stanford, and the combined choirs of Durham, Rochester and St Paul's Cathedrals will also sing Elgar's 'Give unto the Lord', which was composed especially for the Festival in 1914. The preacher is the Archbishop of Wales, The Most Revd Andrew John. All are welcome to attend – free tickets can be booked [here](#).

Saturday 11 May - Christian Aid London Freedom Walk

As a curtain-raiser to Christian Aid Week, Christian Aid is once again offering a London Freedom Walk, inspired by previous Circle the City events. Following a 10k route around the capital, walkers discover the history of some of the city's churches and the stories behind the work they do, while also raising money for Christian Aid.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/london-freedom-walk>

12-18 May - Christian Aid Week

As usual St Botolph's will be supporting Christian Aid – all service collections and alms given in church during Christian Aid Week will be sent to the charity for their work towards bringing an end to poverty around the world.



13-19 May - Mental Health Awareness Week

The focus for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is 'movement – moving more for our mental health'. The organisers 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 remains a focus of this year's Lord Mayor's Appeal:

<https://www.thelordmayorsappeal.org/news-and-events/events-calendar/1329/mental-health-awareness-week-2024/>

Thursday 16 May - Choral Concert in church



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We are delighted to welcome back on 16 May at 6.30 pm for a short concert and reception the acclaimed ensemble **Siglo de Oro** - praised by Gramophone magazine as 'confident, sonorous and full of character' - and its director Patrick Allies. All are warmly invited to attend this short concert giving a preview of the 2024-25 season, followed by a chance to greet the musicians over a glass of wine.

More information and tickets from <https://www.siglodeoro.co.uk>

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:

- **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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