



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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*MS illumination, Flemish (Bruges), c.1455-1460
The Hague, Koninklijk Bibliotheek*

Choral Mass

upon **The Ascension of Our Lord**
Thursday 9 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



Ascension Day is the start of the Global Week of Prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come'. From today until our celebration of Pentecost on 22 May St Botolph's will join Christians across the world in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Setting of the Mass:

Missa 'Ascendens Christus in altum'—Tomás Luis de Victoria c 1548-1611

Opening Hymn: NEH 130 (verses 1, 2, 6, 7)

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluya!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluya!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluya!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya!
Far above yon azure height, Alleluya!
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluya!
Seeking thee above the skies. Alleluya!

There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya!
Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluya!
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!

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

First Lesson: Acts 1: 1-11

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:

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord,
and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Luke 24: 44-end

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 443

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:

Sanctus, Benedictus qui venit, and Agnus Dei:
see the Mass book for translation of the Latin texts

Anthem during Communion:

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,
et Dominus in voce tubae, alleluia.
Dominus in coelo paravit sedem suam, alleluia.

*God is gone up with a merry noise:
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluya.
The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, alleluya.*

Psalm 47: 5; Psalm 103: 19a

Peter Philips c1561–1628

Closing Hymn: NEH 134 (verses 1, 2, 6)

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings, and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal Light;

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him:
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Organ music: Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630

—Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES

St Botolph's Electoral Roll

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

The Roll was closed for its annual revision from yesterday, Wednesday 8 May to today, and the new Roll is now displayed on the noticeboard by the Bishopsgate entrance until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 22 May. The Roll will be open again for new applications following that meeting.

Mhairi Ellis, Electoral Roll Officer

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).

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

Next Wednesday, 15 May: Choral Mass of S Matthias at 1.10 pm

Missa sexti toni *Croce*
Trident enim vos *Palestrina*
Processional *Mathias*

Next Thursday, 16 May: Mass at 12.10 pm

Also next Thursday, 16 May: Choral Concert in church at 6.30 pm



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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>

12-18 May - Christian Aid Week

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



This 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>

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>

In the City of London, mental health is a focus of the Lord Mayor's Appeal:

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

Wednesday 22 May—St Botolph's 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.

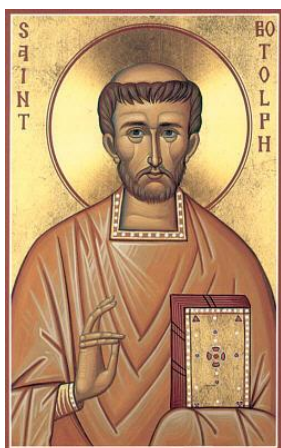
At the **Vestry Meeting** we appoint our Churchwardens for the forthcoming year. Residents of the parish on the electoral register are eligible to attend this meeting in addition to members of the congregation. *Candidates for the post of Churchwarden must be over 21, on the Electoral Roll, and actual 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

Looking ahead to a special celebration next month



WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE *

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

CHORAL PATRONAL FESTIVAL MASS at 1.10pm

There will be splendid choral and organ music from St Botolph's Choir and Iestyn Evans, and the service will be followed by the traditional Parish Party including a special St Botolph Cake.

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Reflecting the war in Gaza and violence throughout the Holy Land, our guest preacher this year is to be The Reverend Canon Daniel Burton, Vicar of St Mary with St Peter Oldham, Greater Manchester, and chair of Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability ('ABCD Bethlehem'). Founded in 1986 as a UK registered charity, ABCD Bethlehem works tirelessly to support the needs of disabled children and young adults, and their families in the West Bank. In the mid-1980s Fr Daniel worked for two years in a Palestinian Children's Home in Ramallah, and for 20 years he was a trustee of the charity Embrace the Middle East. He has led many pilgrimages and visits to the Middle East.

The war in Gaza has greatly increased tension in the West Bank and has resulted in significantly higher rates of attrition and further restrictions on the population. ABCD's rehabilitation centre in Nour Shams has twice been ransacked by government forces; the charity has undertaken to refurbish and restock this centre and to continue to support the children and families it serves. To help fund this work ABCD is running an emergency appeal, details of which may be found on their website: <https://www.abcdbethlehem.org/>. St Botolph's has supported ABCD for some years, most recently with our 2023 Advent collections - and the collection at the Patronal Festival Mass will go towards the emergency appeal as well.

** NB the date of 12 June replaces the earlier advertised date of 19 June*

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).

- **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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The Good Coffee Kiosk



We are excited to announce that the Kiosk will be re-opening soon with new staff, new products and a new look - but still Good Coffee! We have been working with Melina Hermann of ECV Solutions Ltd on plans for the future of the kiosk, and we look forward to seeing the results which this partnership will produce. We hope to have a date soon for the grand 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. *Find out more about Melina at:*

<https://botolph.org.uk/the-good-coffee-kiosk/>

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.