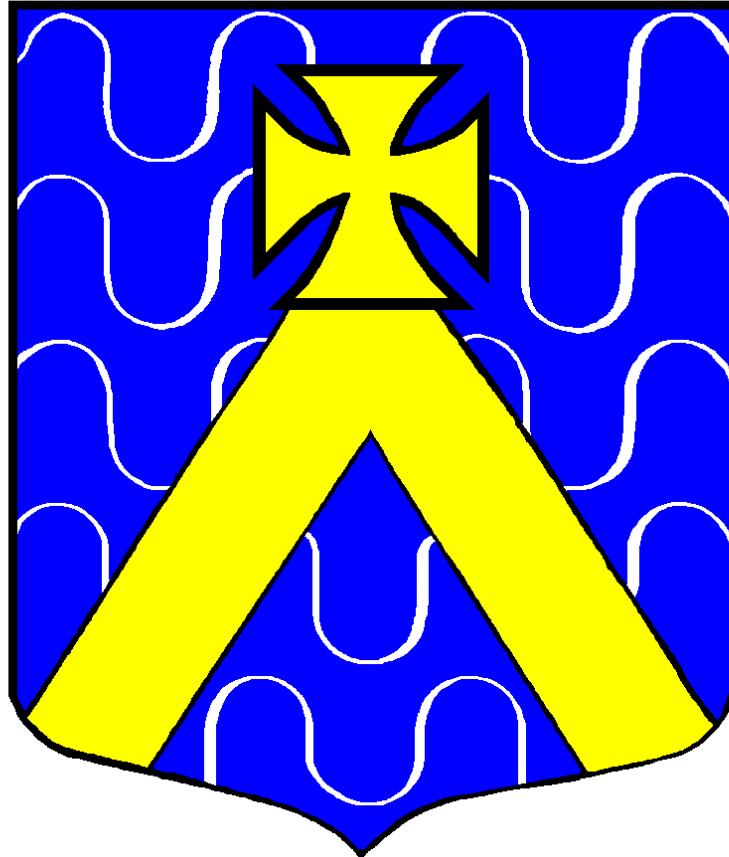




The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London



CHORAL PATRONAL FESTIVAL MASS

of S Botolph, Patron Saint

[17 June]

Wednesday 12 June 2024

at 1.10pm

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

Welcome to St Botolph's - whether you are with us in church or following online - for this service in honour of our Patron, St Botolph. This is one of our major annual celebrations, and allows us to include and thank the wider St Botolph's 'family' and our linked charities and organisations.

The first lesson is read by Alderman Kawsar Zaman, Alderman for the Ward of Bishopsgate: he is one of many representatives of the City Civic we welcome today including members of the Ward of Bishopsgate, our linked Livery Companies, and the Bishopsgate Ward Club.

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up for Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability ('ABCD Bethlehem'), for the charity's emergency appeal for the refurbishment of the Nour Shams rehabilitation centre which has been recently twice ransacked during the war in Gaza. You will find more information about the charity's work towards the end of this service sheet.

At the start of the service we will dedicate and bless for use in worship a full set of new altar and legilium falls and fair altar linens – we are immensely grateful to our seamstress, couturier Sue Young, for her skill and the many hours of loving work she has put into this commission over the past year.

After the service, all are warmly invited to join us for refreshments with a Palestinian theme provided by Jeff Claxton at Impeccable Taste, and a special St Botolph cake created by John Marshall.

Clergy

The Revd David Armstrong, Rector

The Revd Andrew Williams, Priest Missioner,
and Vicar, St Francis at the Engine Room, Tottenham Hale

The Revd Keith Jackson,
Curate, St Francis at the Engine Room, Tottenham Hale

Guest Preacher

The Revd Canon Daniel Burton, Vicar, St Mary with St Peter Oldham, Greater Manchester, and Chair of Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability ('ABCD Bethlehem')

Musicians

The Choir of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
Iestyn Evans, Organist and Director of Music

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand at the ringing of the bell. The procession enters the church during the singing of the opening hymn

Opening Hymn

How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?
Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluyas be.

A station is made at the Chancel Step. The Priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

The Consecration of new Liturgical Textiles

The new altar and legilium falls and altar linens are censed.

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest Our help is in the name of the Lord

All **Who made heaven and earth.**

Priest Let us pray. O Lord God Almighty, who during forty days didst command Moses thy servant to make cloths and ornaments, and which Miriam wove and sewed that they might be used in the service of the Ark of the Covenant, bless, we pray, these cloths and goods of fair linen with which we will clothe the altar and legilium for the sacrifice of the Mass and the hearing of thy Holy Word, and grant that our service may be as pure and unspotted as these cloths which we dedicate to thy service. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The hymn continues and the altar is censed.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.
How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

John Mason c.1645-94

Coe Fen, Ken Naylor 1931-91

Please remain standing

Prayer of Preparation

Priest Almighty God,
All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify
thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Act of Penance

The priest invites the people to confess their sins.

Please kneel or sit

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned
against thee and against our fellow men, in thought and
word and deed, through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and
grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the
glory of thy name. Amen.**

The priest says the absolution:

Priest Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*Please stand. The Choir sing **Gloria in excelsis***

Setting of the Mass: Krönungsmesse (Coronation Mass), K 317
—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-91

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| Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. | <i>Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.</i> |
| Domine Fili unigenite Iesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. | <i>O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.</i> |
| Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu; in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. | <i>For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.</i> |

Collect

Priest O God, the Guide and the Governor of all kingdoms, who dost grant to thy servants yearly to celebrate the festival of Saint Botolph thy confessor and abbot, take from us, we pray thee, the scars of our wounds, and heal us with the gifts of thy heavenly Fatherhood. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

First Reading: Leviticus 26: 1-6a

*read by Alderman Kawsar Zaman,
Alderman of the Ward of Bishopsgate*

You shall make for yourselves no idols and erect no carved images or pillars, and you shall not place figured stones in your land, to worship at them; for I am the Lord your God. You shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Your threshing shall overtake the vintage, and the vintage shall overtake the sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and live securely in your land. And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual: Hymn 444 (verse 1)

Rejoice today with one accord,
Sing out with exultation;
Rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
Whose arm hath brought salvation.

His works of love proclaim
The greatness of his name;
For he is God alone,
Who hath his mercy shown:
Let all his saints adore him!

Gospel Acclamation

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

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A Lle-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace, who brings good news.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S John 14: 25-end

read by The Revd Andrew Williams

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to his disciples] 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.'

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please sit

Sermon

given by The Revd Canon Daniel Burton

Please kneel or sit

Prayers of Intercession

led by The Revd Keith Jackson

These responses may be used after each section:

Priest Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end:

Priest Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

The Peace

Priest God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. We meet in the name of Christ and we share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and with thy spirit.

Clergy and people exchange a sign of peace. Please respect other congregation members who may feel more vulnerable than you and may not yet feel able to shake hands.

Please remain standing

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up for ABCD Bethlehem's emergency appeal for the refurbishment of the Nour Shams rehabilitation centre (*about which you will find more information later in this service sheet*). Please give generously, and if you are a UK taxpayer please complete the Gift Aid declaration provided. We are also able to accept contactless payments – if you prefer to donate by this method, please use the dedicated QR code on the contactless devices at the front and back of church.

Offertory Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.
For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper room of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our life would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Fr Frederick William Faber 1814-63

Corvedale, Maurice Bevan 1921-2006

Please remain standing

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The priest takes the bread.

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: through thy goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The priest takes the wine.

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: through thy goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. Because through him thou hast created all things from the beginning, and fashioned us in thine own image. Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born as man, to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us. Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession, exalting him to thy right hand on high, and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit. And now we give thee thanks for Saint Botolph and all who have consecrated their lives to Christ for the sake of the kingdom; for in them thou dost show us thy saving love and call us back to holiness.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and singing:

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit *sung by the Choir*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus
Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et
terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Please kneel or sit

Priest Hear us, O Father, through Christ thy Son our Lord; through him accept our sacrifice of praise; and grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of his saving passion, his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven, and we look for the coming of his kingdom. We pray thee to accept this our duty and service, and grant that we may so eat and drink these holy things in the presence of thy divine majesty, that we may be filled with thy grace and heavenly blessing.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

All **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Giving of Communion

Priest Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under
my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be
healed.**

All **We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful
Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy
manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art
the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh
of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

*The priest and people receive communion. Communicant members of
all Christian traditions are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*Words of distribution are used and the communicant replies **Amen.***

*All other members of the congregation are welcome to come forward to
receive a blessing—please hold this book as a sign.*

During Communion *the Choir sing the Agnus Dei of the Mozart Mass*

If the distribution is not complete, the Choir will sing

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail, true body, born of Mary, spotless Virgin's virgin birth,
Thou who truly hangedst weary on the Cross for sons of earth;
Thou whose sacred side was riven, whence the water flowed and blood;
O may'st thou, dear Lord, be given at death's hour to be our food.*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Communion Hymn *to be sung as required*

In remembrance of past worshippers

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
For the saints who before us have found their reward;
When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
He called them away from our worship below;
But not till his love, at the font and the altar,
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
And still they were seeking the city of God.

Sing praise then for all who here sought and here found him,
Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:
They believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,
Where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.

William Draper 1855-1933

St Catherine's Court, Richard Strutt 1848-1927

Prayers after Communion

Please kneel or sit

Priest O merciful God, who didst give such grace to thy servant
Saint Botolph that he served thee with singleness of heart
and loved thee above all things: help us, whose communion
with thee has been renewed in this sacrament, to forsake all
that holds us back from following Christ and to grow into his
likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Father of all, we give thee thanks and praise, that when we were still far off thou didst meet us in thy Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared thy love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope that thou hast set before us; so we and all thy children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise thy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and steadfastness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please remain standing

Closing Hymn

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith b. 1926

Lord of the years, Bishop Michael Baughen b.1930

Please remain standing as the procession and choir depart

Organ music: Toccata in G—Théodore Dubois 1837–11 June 1924

***All are warmly invited to join us for refreshments
at the garden entrance of the church***

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

Tomorrow, Thursday 13 June: Mass at 12.10 pm

Concert in church at 7.30 pm – Orlando Chamber Choir

Next Tuesday, 18 June: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 19 June: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Missa 'Simile est regnum caelorum' *Victoria*

Ave verum Corpus *Elgar*

Prelude in G, BWV 541 (i) *Bach*

Next Thursday, 20 June: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Sunday, 23 June:

Concert in church at 6.30 pm—Uranienborg Vokalensemble

See inside back pages for more information about the two concerts__

Looking ahead—dates for your diaries

Friday 4 October at 12.10 pm: our annual Animal Blessing Service

with appropriate readings and music from St Botolph's Choir, followed by refreshments for animals and humans. Bring your pet for a blessing – Fr David and Freddie the church dog look forward to welcoming you.

Thursday 12 December at 1.10 pm: our annual Parish Carol Service

with music provided by St Botolph's Choir and the Choir of The Coopers' Company and Coborn School and favourite carols for all to sing.

The service is followed by seasonal refreshments.

TODAY'S CHARITABLE COLLECTION

ABCD Bethlehem is a UK charity which has worked for nearly 40 years in partnership with organisations supporting disabled children in hospitals and refugee camps in the West Bank. The children and their families cared for by ABCD's partners were already in great need of help, but the devastating conflict in Gaza has had a further huge impact on their lives. With Palestinian areas of the West Bank in lockdown and suffering nightly raids, the psychological damage to children and young adults is incalculable. 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.



St Botolph's has supported ABCD for some years, most recently with our 2023 Advent collections and we are delighted to give further support with the collection at today's Patronal Festival service. Your donations will go towards ABCD's crisis appeal to meet the needs of hundreds of vulnerable children in refugee camp centres by providing additional trauma therapy, support for families with food parcels and medication, and urgent repairs to Nour Shams and other centres damaged in the conflict.

Today's preacher, Canon Daniel Burton, has been a trustee of ABCD for some years and has recently taken over as Chair from the Founding Trustee and Chair the indefatigable Val Jourdan. 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.

More information about the work of ABCD may be found on the charity's website: <https://www.abcdbethlehem.org/>

Can you help St Botolph's 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 monthly newsletter, including reports on the activities of the St Botolph's community and details of forthcoming services and events, is circulated by email to members of the congregation and the wider 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.



WHO WAS ST BOTOLPH?

St Botolph was one of the earliest and most revered of East Anglian Saints, and became known as the patron saint of wayfarers.

Botolph and his brother Adolph were young Saxon nobles living in the 7th century, and were sent for their education to a Benedictine Abbey in France. Adolph rose to be a Dutch Bishop, whilst Botolph came back to his native East Anglia. He was given, by King Anna, a grant of land on which to build a monastery. This land was at Icanhoh, a site that has been said to be the present Boston in Lincolnshire but is more likely to have been Iken, near Aldeburgh in Suffolk. Certainly Icanhoh was in a marshland area, for Botolph was said to have expelled the swamps of their

'Devils'—in fact, he probably had the marshes drained and eliminated the 'marsh gas' with its night glow.

Abbot Ceolfrith, of the Christian community at Wearmouth, visited St Botolph in 670AD, thus establishing a valuable link between the two communities. Ten years later, at his beloved Icanhoh, St Botolph died after a long life of Christian endeavour and teaching. The monastery lived on for two centuries more but in 870AD was destroyed by Danish invaders. These same Danes, however, later became Christians and thus took the beliefs of St Botolph back to Denmark with them.

King Edgar (963–967AD) ordered that the remains of the saint be taken from the monastery ruins, and be divided into three parts: the head to be taken to Ely, the middle to be taken to Thorney, and the remainder to be taken to Westminster Abbey. The relics were brought to London through various towns and eventually through the four City gates, Aldersgate, Bishopsgate, Aldgate and Billingsgate. The churches at the entrance to these gates were named after him. The first three remain, but the one at Billingsgate was destroyed in the Great Fire and never rebuilt. It seems that as his relics were conveyed from place to place, his name became associated with wayfarers and travellers. Around 70 churches are named after him. Though St Botolph has no place in the Prayer Book Calendar, his feast day is 17 June.

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When the great bell
BOOMS over the Portland stone urn, and
From the carved cedar wood
Rises the odour of incense,
I SIT DOWN
In St. Botolph Bishopsgate Churchyard
And wait for the spirit of my grandfather
Toddling along from the Barbican.

John Betjeman (1906-84)

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