



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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Pentecost, anon. c1550

Choral Mass

in the week of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
Wednesday 27 May 2026 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 on sabbatical until July; in his absence we are delighted to welcome as celebrant and preacher Fr Brian Lewis.



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

This year's theme is 'God with us'. More information at www.thykingdomcome.global

Setting of the Mass: Missa secunda—Hans Leo Hassler 1564–1612

Opening hymn: NEH 138 *Veni, creator Spiritus*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One,
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

First Lesson: Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel Acclamation

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



Al-le-lu-ya, al - le-lu ya, al-le - lu - ya.

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, says the Lord, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S John 20: 19-23

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. 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 on the back of this service sheet.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 137

Come down, O love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei: see the Mass book for translations of the Latin texts.

Anthem during Communion:

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

Thomas Tallis c.1505-85

Closing Hymn: NEH 140

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your promised light alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live;
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

Organ music: Veni Creator—Nicolas De Grigny 1672-1703

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

The Annual Meetings follow immediately after the service - while the church is being set up for the meetings, all are warmly invited to join us for refreshments at the back of church.

The Annual Meetings

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

The Agenda for the Annual Meetings can be found over the page.

St Botolph's Electoral Roll

The Roll was closed for its annual revision on 7 May. The new Roll is displayed on the noticeboard by the Bishopsgate entrance and will be presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting today. The Roll will be open again for new applications following today's meetings.

Mhairi Ellis, Electoral Roll Officer



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**Notice and Agenda of the Annual Vestry Meeting
and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting,
followed by a meeting of the Parochial Church Council,
to be held on Wednesday 27 May 2026 at 2.00 pm in church and by Zoom**

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES

Church opening and service times

The church is open for public worship and private prayer every Monday to Friday from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm. Our normal service pattern is:

Tuesdays - Said Mass at 12.10 pm (*This is now the only Mass on Tuesday*)

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, 21 May: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 2 June: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 3 June: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Missa brevis in F *Lotti*; Benedicat sit sancta trinitas *Agazzari*

Prélude en ut majeur *Massenet*

Next Thursday, 4 June: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next month: Stage & The City are offering their latest public speaking course from 2 to 30 June. Full details below.



PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE

Skills Accelerator - Build Confidence, Clarity & Impact

2nd June - 30th June 2026
7pm - 9pm

From Nervous
To Noticeable

Transform Your Voice

Where: St. Botolph Without Bishopsgate
Bishopsgate London EC2M 3TL

www.stageandthecity.com

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STAGE & THE CITY

The poster features two photographs: one of a man speaking to a group of people in a room, and another of a woman and a man looking at a document together. The background is a dark blue with light blue geometric shapes.

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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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. Give as you Live and Easy Fundraising cover over 4000 shops and other websites – both systems are easy to use, and have been tried and tested on your behalf by the Administrator!

More information from:

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com>



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And a final way of helping us...

THE GOOD COFFEE KIOSK



Please support St Botolph's and other Good Causes by buying your hot drinks and sweet treats from the Good Coffee Kiosk in the Bishopsgate entrance to the church.

Why not purchase a second cup that we can give to a person in need on your behalf?

Opening times Monday to Thursday 7.30am to 3.30pm.