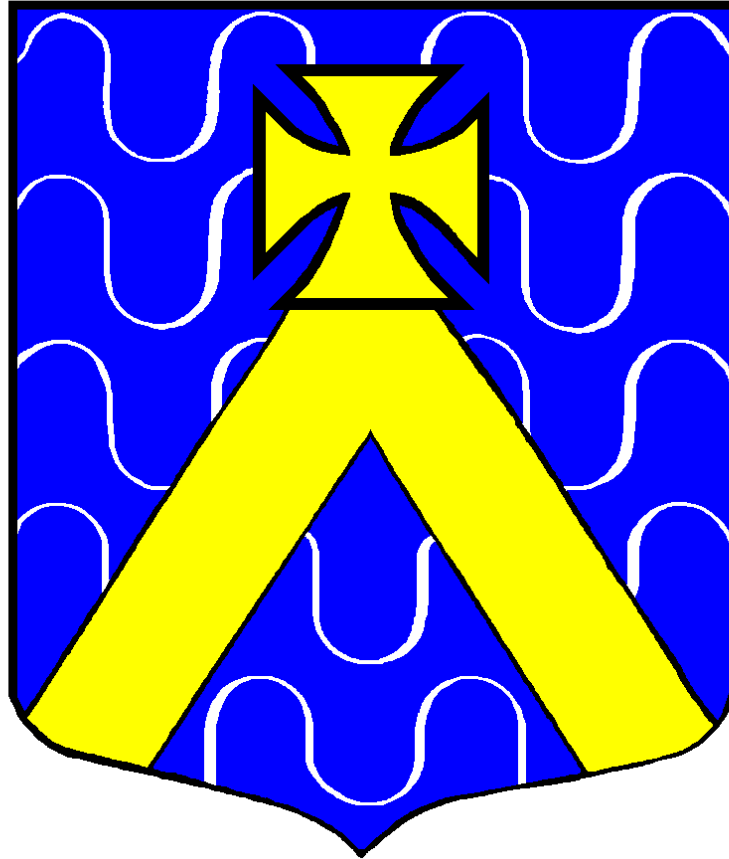




The Parish and Ward Church of  
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate  
in the City of London



# **CHORAL PATRONAL FESTIVAL MASS**

***of S Botolph, Patron Saint***  
**Wednesday 17 June 2026**  
**at 1.10pm**

*The Revd David Armstrong, Rector*

*Iestyn Evans, Director of Music*

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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.**

Fr David joins us today for one day only as he comes towards the final stretch of his sabbatical leave. We are enormously grateful to the many priests who have stepped up, and will continue to do so, to take services during his absence, some at very short notice. We welcome some of them to our celebration today.

The first lesson is read by Helena Cooke, Immediate Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Coopers: she is one of many representatives of the City civic, military and commercial we welcome today including members of the Ward of Bishopsgate, the Bishopsgate Ward Club and our other linked Livery Companies.

We are as ever grateful to our loyal team of bellringers, under the leadership of Tower Captain John Adams, for their customary lunchtime ringing prior to the service. We are pleased to welcome also a team of visiting ringers, led by Lloyd Cartwright, who are making a peal attempt in honour of St Botolph's Day after Mass from 2pm.

This service sees the first outing of new vestments created for St Botolph's by our seamstress, couturier Sue Young. We are enormously grateful to Sue 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 including a special St Botolph cake.**

### **Clergy**

The Revd David Armstrong, Rector

The Revd Keith Jackson, Vicar, St Paul and St John, Tottenham  
(formerly Associate Vicar, St Francis at the Engine Room)

The Revd Brian Lewis, friend of St Botolph's

### **Guest Preacher**

The Rt Revd Anderson Jeremiah, Bishop of Edmonton

### **Musicians**

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Setting of the Mass:

Missa Ego flos campi— Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla 1525-94

*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.  
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.

*Please remain standing*

## **The Greeting**

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.**

## **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 neighbour,  
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**

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.

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.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu  
solus Dominus. Tu solus  
Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum  
Sancto Spiritu;  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

### **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:** Ecclesiasticus 14:20 – 15:1

*read by Helena Cooke, Immediate Past Master,  
Worshipful Company of Coopers*

Happy is the person who meditates on wisdom and reasons intelligently, who reflects in his heart on her ways and ponders her secrets, pursuing her like a hunter, and lying in wait on her paths; who peers through her windows and listens at her doors; who camps near her house and fastens his tent-peg to her walls; who pitches his tent near her, and so occupies an excellent lodging-place; who places his children under her shelter, and lodges under her boughs; who is sheltered by her from the heat, and dwells in the midst of her glory. Whoever fears the Lord will do this, and whoever holds to the law will obtain wisdom.

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:***



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

*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 Matthew 6: 25-34

*read by The Revd Keith Jackson*

Priest The Lord be with you  
All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to his disciples] 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

**Sermon** *given by The Rt Revd Anderson Jeremiah, Bishop of Edmonton*

*Please kneel or sit*

**Prayers of Intercession**

*led by The Revd Brian Lewis*

*These responses may be used after each section:*

Priest Lord, in thy mercy  
All **hear our prayer.**

*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 remain standing*

*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**

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 Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread  
and wine may be unto us his body and his 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 forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of his kingdom  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of thy divine majesty,  
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,  
inspire us with thy love,  
and unite us in the body of thy Son,  
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** *sung by the Choir*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi: dona nobis pacem.

*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.**

Priest We do not presume

All **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.*

## **Communion Anthem**

Sing joyfully unto God our strength. Sing loud unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the song and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp and the viol.  
Blow the trumpet in the new moon, ev'n in the time appointed  
and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel and a law of the  
God of Jacob.

*Psalm 81.1-4*

*William Byrd c.1540-1623*

## Communion Hymn

*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.**

Priest Father of all,

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** (Tune – Lord of the years)

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 1926-2024*

*Bishop Michael Baughen b.1930*

*Please remain standing as the procession and choir depart.*

### **Organ music:**

Prelude in C, BWV 545i—Johann Sebastian Bach 1685–1750

***Please join us for refreshments at the church's garden entrance, including our special St Botolph cake made by Jeff Claxton of Impeccable Taste.***

## **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](http://www.botolph.org.uk)).

**Tomorrow, 18 June:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**At 1.00pm:** The Summer Music in City Churches festival presents the Sonas Quartet with 'Songs of South America', featuring music by Clarice Assad and Mozart. More details overleaf.

Tickets from **[www.summermusiccitychurches.com](http://www.summermusiccitychurches.com)**

**Next Tuesday, 23 June:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**Next Wednesday 24 June:**

**Choral Mass of the Birth of S John the Baptist** at 1.10 pm.

Mass in F *Lemmens*; Ut flos ut rosa *Crivelli*

Fantasia sopra Ut, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La *Froberger*

**Next Thursday, 25 June:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**Thursday 2 July:** 'Office Choir of the Year 2026' at 7.00 pm.  
More details overleaf.

### **LOOKING AHEAD-DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**Friday 2 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 10 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.

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## 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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## 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](mailto: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. *giftaid it*
- **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.



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:



[www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com)  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)



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### And a final way of helping us, and others...

## THE GOOD COFFEE KIOSK



Please support St Botolph's and other Good Causes by buying your hot drinks and sweet treats – including ice creams for dogs *and* humans - 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.**

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Poems on the Underground

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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