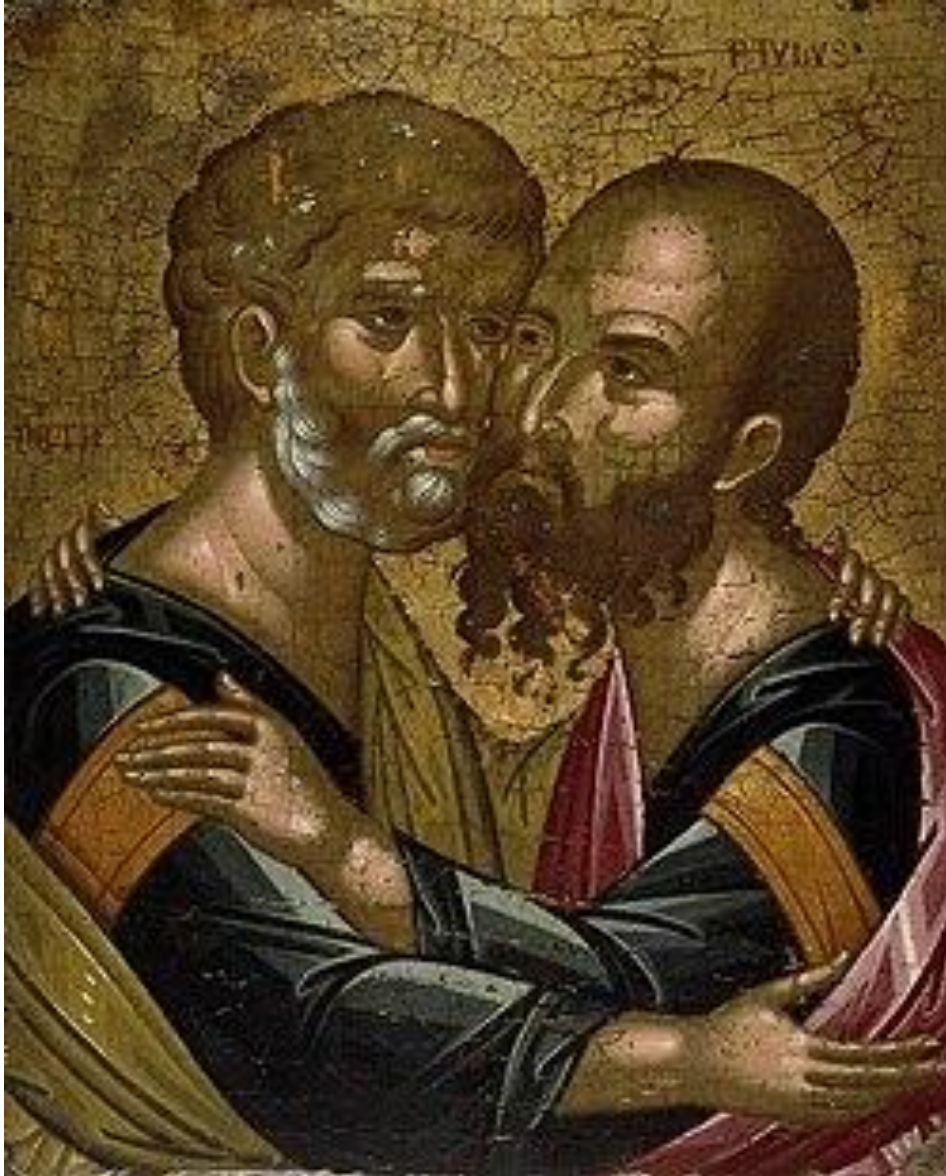




The Parish and Ward Church of  
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate  
in the City of London  
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*Icon of The Embrace of the Apostles Peter and Paul, Angelos Akotantos 15c.*

# **Choral Mass**

of **Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles** [29 June]  
**Wednesday 1 July 2026 at 1.10 pm**

*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-without-Bishopsgate

*Fr David is on the final week of his sabbatical; in his absence we are delighted to welcome as celebrant and preacher Fr Peter McGeary, Vicar of St Mary's Cable Street.*

**Setting of the Mass:** Missa Ego sum qui sum—Philippe Rogier c.1561-96

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 172 (tune 114) *for St Peter only*

'Thou art the Christ, O Lord, The Son of God, most high! For ever be adored That name in earth and sky, In which, though mortal strength may fail, The saints of God at last prevail.	O surely he was blest With blessedness unpriced, Who, taught of God, confessed The Godhead in the Christ; For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own Thy saint a true foundation-stone.
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Thrice fallen, thrice restored,  
The bitter lesson learnt,  
That heart for thee, O Lord,  
With triple ardour burnt.  
The cross he took he laid not down  
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.

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

**First Lesson:** Acts 12: 1-11

### 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:*

You are Simon, son of John; you are to be called Cephas.

**and the refrain is then repeated by all**

**Gospel:** S Matthew 16: 13-19

*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 484 (tune 167; verses 1-3, 5)

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new Creation  
By water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy Bride,  
With his own love he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore opprest,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distress,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.

***Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei:*** see the Mass book

**Anthem during Communion:**

Petre, amas me? Tu scis, Domine, quia amo te: pasce oves meas.  
Simon Johannis, diligis me? Tu scis, Domine, quia amo te.  
Ego pro te rogavi, Petre, ut non deficiat fides tua;  
et tu, aliquando conversus, confirma fratres tuos.

*Peter, do you love me? You know, Lord, that I love you: feed my sheep.  
Simon, son of John, do you love me? You know, Lord, that I love you.  
I have prayed for you, Peter, that your faith may not fail;  
and when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.*

*After John 21.15-17*

*Jacob Handl 1550-91*

**Closing Hymn:** verses 1 and 2 (tune 195)

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;  
From despair your world release,  
That, redeemed from war and hatred,  
All may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
Fear will die and hope increase.

**Organ music:**

Concerto in F (Op 4, No. 5)—George Frideric Handel 1685-1759

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

## 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, 2 July:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**At 7.00 pm:** 'Office Choir of the Year 2026'. Scan for tickets:



**This Saturday, 4 July:** We welcome another of Iestyn Evans' choirs, The Camden Choir, for their annual Away day. To sign up for a day of Anglican church music, visit [camdenchoir.london/events](http://camdenchoir.london/events)

**Next Tuesday, 7 July:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**Next Wednesday 8 July: Choral Mass** at 1.10 pm

Mass in *C Werner*; Come unto him *Handel*; Grand jeu *Du Mage*

**Thursday 9 July:** at 11.30 am the Worshipful Company of Bowyers hold their Master's Day Service. (There will be no 12.10 pm Said Mass.)

## CAN YOU HELP US FINANCIALLY?

- **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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**Support Local Good Causes** — enjoy drinks, pastries, and ice creams from The Good Coffee Kiosk at the Bishopsgate entrance, with all profits going to help the homeless.

*Why not purchase a second cup for a person in need?*

**Opening times Monday to Thursday 7.30am to 3.30pm.**

