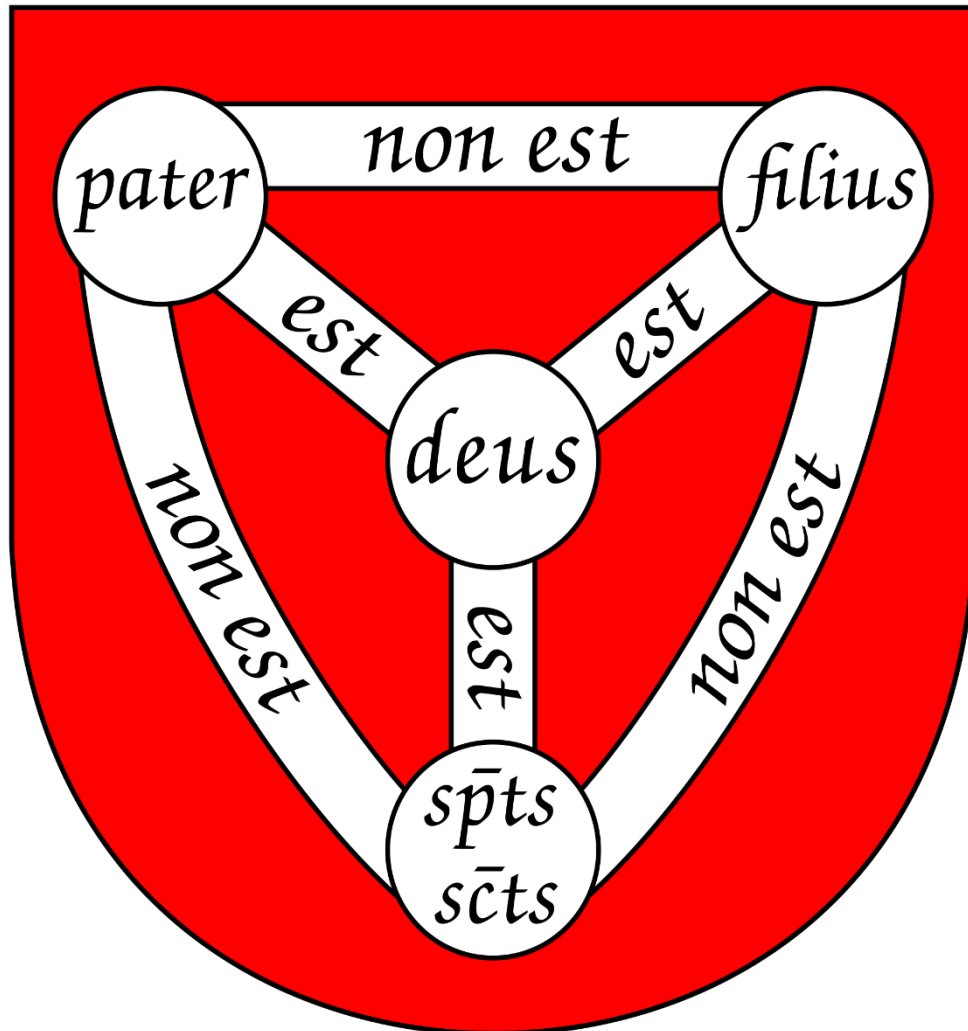




The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
EC2M 3TL



Choral Mass

in the week of

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Wednesday 15 July 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

Today we mark the centenary of the death of Charles Wood, Irish composer and teacher. He is mostly remembered for his Anglican church music, examples of which are included in today's service.

He was taught by Stanford and Parry, and went on to teach Vaughan Williams and Howells.

Setting of the Mass:

Mass in the Phrygian mode—Charles Wood 1866-1926

Opening Hymn: NEH 407 (verses 1-2, 5-6)

Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!

Kyrie eleison: see the Mass book for translation of the Greek text

First Lesson: Isaiah 55: 10-13

Gospel Acclamation

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



This verse is sung by the Cantor:

Blessed are your eyes, for they see, says the Lord,
and your ears, for they hear.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

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 408 (first tune)

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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

Anthem during Communion: *Expectans Expectavi*

This sanctuary of my soul
Unwitting I keep white and whole,
Unlatched and lit, if Thou should'st care
To enter or to tarry there.

With parted lips and outstretched hands
And listening ears Thy servant stands,
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
To Thy great service dedicate.

C.H. Sorley (1895-1915)

Charles Wood

Closing Hymn: NEH 466 (verses 1-3)

Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move o'er the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

Organ music: Prelude on Psalm CXXIV—Charles Wood

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).

Tomorrow, 16 July: Mass at 12.10 pm

'ALMA Sunday' 19 July: Service at St Paul's Cathedral at 5.30 pm, celebrating the Diocese of London's partnership with the Dioceses of Angola and Mozambique. Afternoon tea is at 3.30 pm at St Vedast alias Foster. RSVP to Sheenagh Burrell: almacoordinator@London.anglican.org

Next Tuesday, 21 July: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday 22 July:

Choral Mass upon the Feast Day of S Mary Magdalene at 1.10 pm

Messe Basse *Fauré*; Marche sortie *Dubois*

Next Thursday, 23 July: Mass at 12.10 pm

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.

Opening times Monday to Thursday 7.30am to 3.30pm.

