

S. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2016

News of progress with the Vacancy

The Bishop of Ely and the Diocesan Officers have approved the proposals put forward in our Parish Profile and Statement that was offered for consultation and confirmed by the congregation for the arrangements for the ministry of the Parish once the current vacancy has come to an end.

The Diocese will support Saint Botolph's continuing as a single benefice (parish) with a Priest-in-Charge, working part-time on a non-stipendiary basis. Given the size and other characteristics of our Parish, as well as the lack of stipend, the person appointed would be expected to combine the duties of Priest-in-Charge with employment or other commitments and activities.

The process for specifying the post's nature and responsibilities, derived from the Parish Profile and Statement, and for recruitment and selection, is the responsibility of a designated group of PCC members*, together with the advice and approval of the Archdeacon of Cambridge and the Rural Dean.

This designated group has started their work. It is too soon to say how much longer the current Vacancy will continue. The PCC will make sure that the parish and congregation are kept fully informed about progress.

I offer my warmest appreciation and thanks to my colleagues who are working very hard throughout the Vacancy to shape and ensure the

future for Saint Botolph's.

Professor Tony Cockerill

Lay Vice-Chairman of the PCC

*The designated group is: Veronica Baker, Tony Cockerill, Penny Coggill, Peter Harland, Erica C.D. Hunter, Jenny Josselyn, Alex Lindsay, and Jayne Ringrose.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Visitors' Day After a very successful book sale on 5th March we look forward to welcoming visitors on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May. We will have refreshments, books and toys for sale, and welcome offers of goods, and help on the day, from 9.00 a.m., please.

Please keep the dates of **future Visitors' Days**: Saturday & Sunday 18th-19th June (St Botolph), Saturdays 2nd July & 10th September

Annual Excursion Saturday 14th May, to include Woodbridge, Iken (the probable site of St Botolph's settlement with his monastic community in the seventh century) & Aldeburgh (cost £20). Book now to ensure your place.

Annual Church Meetings and Elections

The Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens, followed by the Annual Church Meeting (which includes the election of the Parochial Church Council for the coming year) will take place in church after the 11.00 a.m. Mattins on the Fourth Sunday after Easter, 24th April. Please support this meeting — your attendance is more important than ever now that we are without a priest-in-charge.

Flowers Easter heralds not only spring but the new church flower rota. Commemorate births, marriages and anniversaries by a vase of flowers at the altar and a welcoming one at the west entrance. Please sign the list on the notice-board — no special skills are necessary, and advice and help are freely available if required.

Items for inclusion in the May Newsletter by Tuesday 26th April, please. **K.H.**

CALENDAR

LOW SUNDAY, Easter I 3rd April 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mr Hodson; Refreshments, Teasdale

Preacher: Mr Michael Wilcockson (Theology, Eton College)

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 6th April *Lady Day* (transferred from Good Friday)

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER II Sunday 10th April 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Isaiah 55, Mrs. Baker; 2. Mark 5.21-end, Prof. Cockerill

Preacher, The Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes, Fellow of Queens'

12 noon Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 13th April 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER III Sunday 17th April 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mrs. Coggill; Intercession, Dr Hunter

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Monday 18th April Parochial Church Council

Wednesday 20th April Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 24th April

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Exod. 34.1-9, Dr Lindsay; 2. John 11.1-44, Mrs. Horbury

Annual Church Meetings after this service

6.30 p.m. Evensong

S. Mark, Monday 25th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th April 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

SS. PHILIP & JAMES Sunday 1st May

Rogation Sunday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mrs Barker; Refreshments, Baker

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Monday 2nd Visitors' Day

Wednesday 4th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

S. Botolph's, Cambridge

Churchwardens

Mrs. K. M. Horbury 01223 363529, Prof. T. Cockerill 01223 363603

Associate Priest The Reverend Margaret Widdess 01223 313908