

S. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2016

It's now nearly a fortnight since St Botolph's week-end, which proved to be as busy and happy an occasion as ever. We welcomed visitors from all parts of the world for tea, refreshments and talk. The sun shone enough for picnics in the garden, and bags were taken home weighed down with books on all subjects. The total raised on the Saturday and through the Gift Day now stands at £3895.93. The Restoration Fund is very grateful.

On the Sunday friends from St Bene't's joined us as usual to sing Evensong, and the Reverend Margaret Widdess preached on Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple. At the Sung Eucharist in the morning we welcomed as preacher the Reverend Tim Harling, Chaplain of Queens' (the college has been our Patron since 1460). He kindly gives below a shortened version of his words for the Newsletter. **K.H.**

It was a great privilege to be with you on your Patronal Festival. It gave me an opportunity to share some thoughts on what it may mean to be a Church and Community dedicated to St Botolph. Whilst recognising that the congregation would know a lot more than I do about St Botolph I was aware that Churches dedicated to St Botolph are normally situated at the entrance to cities and towns. They are a mark of having arrived, and recognising that God is a part of our arriving where he wants and calls us to be.

The theme of 'arriving and recognising God's call in where he wants us to be' can be seen throughout scripture. Our St Botolph's Church has a very beautiful depiction of the Annunciation (Luke 1.28) on its screen. A scene of God arriving to humanity and being recognised by Mary.

The Annunciation is part of a collection of Gospel Mysteries historically referred to as the Joyful Mysteries. All these as we reflect on them have a sense of arriving and recognising God. Alongside the Annunciation, the other Joyful Mysteries are: the Visitation, when God is taken for the first time in human form to Elizabeth, who recognises the arrival of God (Luke 1.41-2), the Nativity in which the shepherds come to recognise God's incarnate arrival on earth (Luke 2.7), the Presentation in the Temple where Simeon recognises God arriving in the Temple (Luke 2.22-23), and lastly the finding of the Christ child in the temple, where the wisdom of the incarnate God has arrived to start the process of spreading wisdom in the interpretation of the Scriptures (Luke 2.46).

'Arriving and recognising' should be part of all our personal journeys of faith, and the ones that the Church should provide for those visiting. This is a ministry the Church of St Botolph has provided and continues to provide for visitors and pilgrims to the city of Cambridge. A ministry that now more than ever is obvious. Most tourists arrive in Cambridge by coach. They are dropped off at Queens' Green and walk down Silver Street. The first Church they come to — arriving in the City — is St Botolph's.

This mission must be at the heart of what you do and what you are about. May God Bless this work, and in our quest to listen and learn where God wants us to be, we pray He will grant us wisdom to know our path, and that in arriving where He wills we may recognise His presence.

NOTES AND NEWS

The next **Visitors' Day** is at the time of **Ride and Stride** for Cambridgeshire Historic Churches, on Saturday 10th September.

CALENDAR

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 3rd July

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Epistle, Mrs. Coggill; Refreshments, Baker
Preacher: The Revd Margaret Widdess
6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 6th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY VII Sunday 10th July 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins
1. Jeremiah 31.27-34, Mrs. Baker; 2. Acts 21.15-36, Mrs. Horbury
Preacher: The Revd Ank Rigelsford
12 noon Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. Evensong in S. Bene't's (Patronal Festival)

Wednesday 13th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY VIII Sunday 17th July 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Order 1)
Preacher: The Revd Margaret Widdess
Epistle, Mr Barker; Intercession, Mrs. Baker
6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 20th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

Friday 22nd *St Mary Magdalene* Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

TRINITY IX, St James' Eve Sunday 24th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Mattins
1. Jeremiah 38.1-13, Mr Hodson; 2. Acts 27, Dr Lindsay
Preacher: The Revd Margaret Widdess
12 noon Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 27th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY X Sunday 31st July 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Prayer-book)
Epistle, Mrs. Barker
Preacher: The Revd Patrick Cotton
6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 3rd Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY XI Sunday 7th August

Sunday after the Transfiguration

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Preacher: Mr Michael Wilcockson

Epistle, Mrs. Horbury: Refreshments, Horbury

Wednesday 10th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY XII Sunday 14th August 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Ezekiel 18.1-4, 19-end, Dr Lindsay; 2. Luke 4.16-30, Mrs. Baker

Preacher: The Revd Margaret Widdess

12 noon Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY XIII Sunday 21st August

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Order 1)

Preacher: The Revd Margaret Widdess

Epistle, Mr Hodson; Intercession, Dr Hunter

Wednesday 24th *S. Bartholomew* Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY XIV Sunday 28th August

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Ezekiel 33.21-end, Dr Lindsay; Luke 6.39-end, Mrs. Coghill

Preacher: The Revd Margaret Widdess

12 noon Holy Communion

Wednesday 31st Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY XV Sunday 4th September

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Margaret Widdess

Epistle, Mrs. Horbury: Refreshments, Comline

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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