

S. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2017

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends

This year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, commonly agreed to have begun when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Church in Wittenberg on 31st October 1517. From this came an emphasis on the wideness of God's mercy and grace as the means of salvation, that was available individually by faith and was informed by scripture.

The process of the Reformation came in time to bring renewal within Christendom, but it also brought division, as the Western church split between Roman Catholics and those now called Protestants. In Northern Europe and especially within Scandinavia, many of the Churches became Protestant under the banner of Lutheranism. One of these Lutheran Churches is in Sweden, where I have been this past month.

The Church of Sweden and the Church of England share many doctrinal and organizational similarities. Both can be said to be 'catholic and reformed'. They retain a threefold ministry, a historic episcopate and a parish system. Liturgical practice is remarkably similar. The Swedish Church retains an emphasis on the sacraments and vestments are worn.

These and other similarities were recognized by the Church of England joining the Porvoo Agreement in 1996. This agreement with the Nordic and Baltic Lutheran churches provides for full communion and the mutual recognition of Holy Orders.

So, when I visited the Lutheran Cathedral in Lund, in southern Sweden, recently for their commemoration of the Reformation, I was a little surprised to see many images of Pope Francis featuring prominently alongside those of Martin Luther.

On enquiry, I found out that the Pope visited Lund on 31st October last year, known as *Reformation Sunday*, in an historic coming together of Roman Catholics and Lutherans [and by communion, Anglicans - although we are also pursuing our own dialogue with Rome

under the auspices of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC)].

In his sermon, Pope Francis spoke about the great desire of all the churches involved to work towards full communion in order that we might be one, *so the world may believe* (John 17:21).

Writing in this Newsletter last month, at the start of the Trinity season, I posed the question: *Does the Trinity have any relevance for us in how we live our lives?*

The inspiration of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit coexisting and working together in perfect harmony – is the foundation for ecumenical dialogue and the moves towards full communion between the churches. God's gift of unity is a source of joy, hope and reconciliation within the church universal, for both Roman Catholics and Protestants, and an encouragement for our historic mission to the world.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen.

Events in July

Holy Baptism on Sunday 16th July – the 11am Sung Eucharist will begin with the Holy Baptism of Finn Jarvis, using the rite to be found in the Prayer Book for those of 'Riper Years'. We give thanks that the Spirit has led Finn to St. Botolph's and rejoice that he now wishes to enter fully into the Christian faith by being baptized and becoming a new creation in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please support him by your presence and prayers on this great occasion for both Finn and the Church.

Bp Rowan Williams has kindly agreed to Confirm Finn (and any other candidates) when he visits St. Botolph's as our Celebrant and Preacher at the 11am Sung Eucharist on **Sunday 15th October**. Again, the Prayer Book rite of Confirmation will be used.

Wren Choir on Saturday 22nd July – the Wren Choir, which has its base at Pembroke College and comprises graduate singers, will sing a range of English Sacred Music in church at lunchtime on that day. Please make a note of the date and watch out for further details nearer the time.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 29th July – I am leading a Pilgrimage on that day to the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham. Situated deep in the north Norfolk countryside, Walsingham is one of those thin places where the gap between heaven and earth seems quite narrow. It has its own particular spirituality and accepting it will not be for

everyone, if nevertheless you might be interested in going and would like to know more, please have a word with me. *Stephen.*

St Botolph's Tide 2017 The Restoration Fund is very grateful for the proceeds of the St Botolph's week-end and Gift Day, the total to date being £3492.19. We welcomed visitors from all over the world for refreshments and chat, some delighted to find a cool quiet spot to sit in, others to find a beautiful garden in which to sunbathe. Books on subjects from Arabic grammar to Zoroastrianism via Paddington Bear flew off the pews.

On Sunday morning we were delighted to welcome Dr Andrew Macintosh once again. He preached a memorable sermon on St. Botolph as displaying the moral pattern of the pilgrim, outlined in Psalm 15 'Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle?' As it was a lovely sunny morning, the after-party was a happy event in the garden.

Many thanks to all who helped, from flowers on Friday through to final clearing on Sunday evening.

Concert of works by Vivaldi and others, Sunday 2nd July, 7.30 p.m., given by the Temple Ensemble (see handbills in church).

The next **Visitors' Day** (refreshments and book sale) is on Saturday 15th July. Please note the date. Help and contributions of food and books as usual, please. K.H.

CALENDAR

TRINITY III	Sunday 2nd July
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist Epistle, Mrs. Durham; Refreshments
4.15 p.m.	Evensong
7.30 p.m.	Temple Ensemble Concert
Tuesday 4th	P.C.C. Church Room 8 p.m.
Wednesday 5th	Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
TRINITY IV	Sunday 9th July
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.	Mattins
	1. Joshua 5.13-6.20, Mrs. Baker; 2. Mark 4.21-end, Mr Barker
12 noon	Holy Communion

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 12th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 15th Visitors' Day

TRINITY V Sunday 16th July

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism

Epistle, Mr Hodson

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 19th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY VI Sunday 23rd July

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Judges 5, Mrs. Irvine; 2. Mark 6.53-7.23, Dr Lindsay

12 noon. Holy Communion

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Tuesday 25th *St James*

Wednesday 26th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRINITY VII Sunday 30th July

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Prayer-book)

Epistle, Mrs. Barker

Preacher: The Revd Patrick Cotton

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 2nd August Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

TRANSFIGURATION Trinity VIII Sunday 6th August

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mrs. Horbury: Refreshments, Horbury

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