

**S. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH,
CAMBRIDGE**

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2017

Lent 2017

You will notice something different at the east end of the south aisle. This is part of Cambridge Stations—a pop-up art and mission project for Lent, co-ordinated by Westcott House, to which St Botolph's is delighted to give space.

Fourteen churches and chapels have installed artworks representing the fourteen biblical Stations of the Cross. These make up a trail, across the city centre, for prayer and meditation on the events surrounding the death of Jesus. It is hoped that viewers will have been challenged, enriched and inspired by some of the events at the heart of our faith.

In St Botolph's is Station 13 JESUS DIES

It was now about noon and darkness came over the land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'; and when he had said this, he breathed his last.

Luke 23.44-46

Lent Group

The subject this year, 'Paul and Empire', recalls Paul's positive approach to the relation of church and state. His perceptions are at the root of the evolution of the modern west and the shaping of values and public order by Christianity, intertwined with Jewish, Greek and Roman tradition. Three meetings have been arranged, on Tuesdays 7th, 14th and 21st March at 5 Grange Road at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Lenten Psalms and Hymns 2017

These include some familiar friends like the Miserere (Psalm 51), said on Ash Wednesday, and parts of the great Ps. 119, sung on Sunday successive Sunday mornings, and among the hymns, 'Forty days and forty nights', 'Christian, dost thou see them?', 'Guide me, O thou great redeemer', and at mid-Lent 'Jerusalem the golden'. Perhaps slightly less well known as prescribed for Lent is Charles Wesley's wonderful 'O for a heart to praise my God', with its memorable ending:

My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess
From self, and sin, I cease;

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart
Thy new best name of love.

NOTES AND NEWS

Annual Excursion Saturday 13th May, to St Albans and Hampton Court (coach fare £20). Booking forms are now available and early bookings are gratefully received.

Book Sale Saturday 18th March, 10-4; help with setting up, please, from 9.00 a.m. onwards, will be warmly appreciated.

For your diary *Refreshment Days for Visitors*: Monday 1st May, Saturday & Sunday 17th-18th June (St Botolph's week-end), Saturday 15th July, Saturday 9th September.

An Award All who remember Mike Turner, a regular worshipper at 8 o'clock on Sundays and 10.30 on Wednesdays until his physical state made that impossible, will be delighted to know that he was honoured posthumously with the BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) award for outstanding services to University Athletics.

Glenda who, as he didn't drive, was always a vital part of his attendance at athletic events, received his award from Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, on 17th February at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield — a very splendid occasion.

Items for inclusion in the April Newsletter by Tuesday 28th March, please. K.H.

CALENDAR

LENT I Sunday 5th March 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mrs. Baker; Refreshments, Teasdale

The Revd Patrick Cotton

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 8th March 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

LENT II Sunday 12th March 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Genesis 18.1-16, Mr Barker; 2. Luke 15.11-end, Mrs. Baker

Preacher: The Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes

12 noon Holy Communion

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 15th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 18th Book Sale 10-4

LENT III Sunday 19th March 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist;

Epistle, Mr. Hodson; Intercession, Dr Hunter

Preacher, The Revd Patrick Cotton

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 22nd March 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Summer Time begins before services on 26th March

LENT IV *Mothering Sunday* (with remembrance of Lady Day)

Sunday 26th March

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Exodus 1.8-2.10, Mrs. Irvine; 2. Luke 19.1-10, Dr Lindsay

Preacher: The Revd Ank Rigelsford

12 noon Holy Communion

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 29th March 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

PASSION SUNDAY, Lent V Sunday 2nd April

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mrs. Horbury; Refreshments, Hunter

Preacher: The Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes

4.15 p.m. Evensong

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