



PARISH NEWS



SPRING 2025

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT BOTH ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, NEWBOLD AND ST.
JOHN'S CHURCH LONG LAWFORD

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CHURCH WARDEN Mrs Barbara Sear and Mr Robert Banks

SERVICES ARE HELD EACH SUNDAY 10-45am at ST
BOTOLPHS AND 9-00am at ST JOHNS

WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY
COMMUNION in ST BOTOLPHS AT 7-30pm

BAPTISMS

1st September ISABELLE POLLARD
29th September CASEY EARLEY
13th October FINNLEY LIAM BAILEY
20th October ALBI OLIVER DAVIES
15th December AIVA-ROSE THOMAS

FUNERALS

13th September BRENDA MARY HARDING (91) buried at Croop Hill Cemetery after
a service in St Botolphs
18th September ANDREW WRIGHT (55) buried in St Botolphs Churchyard following
a service in Church
17th October NOREEN ELIZABETH ABBOTT (85) buried in St Johns Churchyard
following a service in Church
4th November IAN ROBERT MCGREGOR MURDOCH (91) cremated at Rainsbrook
Crematorium following a service in St Botolphs
8th November BARRY HARTLEY (58) buried in St Johns churchyard following a
service in Church

3rd January JAY WESTON (31) buried in St Botolphs churchyard following a service in Church

3rd February DOUGLAS SPENCER (82) cremated at Rainsbrook Crematorium

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years the Roll has to be scrapped and a new one compiled 2025 is one of those years. The new Roll has to be prepared in time for the Annual Church Meeting, which takes place in St Botolphs at 7-30pm on Monday 12th May. The Church Electoral Roll is the only official list of church members, so it is important that anyone who considers themselves to be a member of either St Botolphs or St Johns is on the Roll. Application forms will be available at the back of both churches soon or available from the Vicar. Everyone who wants to be on the Roll must complete a form, no matter how many years they may have been on it previously. This is a NEW Roll, the old one will be scrapped. To be on the Roll you must be baptised, 16 years of age or older, a resident in the Parish or have been a habitual worshipper here for at least six months

F.O.S.B.O.T.S

(Friends of St Botolphs)

This monthly prize draw is just £15 for a year's subscription with a chance to win one of 2 prizes each month. Any money raised goes towards maintenance of the churchyard equipment and to help with small projects in and around the Church.

RECENT WINNERS;	OCTOBER	S.DRURY £40	ticket no 174	R.
THOMAS £20	ticket no 36			
	NOVEMBER	J. KENCH £40	ticket no 126	
T.EVENS	£20 ticket no 162			
	DECEMBER	J.MacDONELL £40	ticket no 27	V.
RANKINE £20	ticket no 151			
	CHRISTMAS DRAW	B.LONG £50	ticket no 73	
	JANUARY	I.MOORE £40	ticket no 30	
K.CHAMBERS				
£20	ticket no 118			

CHURCHYARD

PLEASE now remove any Christmas decorations that have been placed on graves. With the high winds and adverse weather condition of late, items can easily blow from graves and have an impact on other people's graves. These types of decorations

should be placed in the black bin, any floral tributes , without cellophane or packaging material to be placed in the green bin.

The churchyard volunteers do a wonderful job, mowing and maintenance but it is for individuals to keep their graves tidy and clutter free.

EVENTS

The Christmas festival was a great success even in its new format. Increasing costs and the small group of helpers made the decision not to have the potted real trees but the variety of exhibits was lovely and enjoyed by the many visitors.

All the stalls were busy not least the refreshments, cream scones very popular as was the introduction of some hot food, keeping John busy, but got an idea most of the bacon butties were bought by the helpers!!!

Over £3800 was raised for Church funds, helping to keep our beautiful church maintained for the benefit of the whole community.

Hopefully more events can be held during the year, and we welcome all offers of help or fundraising ideas

St Botolphs welcomed Avon Valley School on 18th December when they held their Christingle service in Church. An evening of very confident, professional singing, and dancing, by the pupils in front of their families, friends, teachers and members of St Botolphs church. The evening finished with light refreshments. We look forward to them visiting us again.

HELP !

Volunteers are always needed to help around the Church, welcoming people to our services, church cleaning, coffee, tea helpers, helping with social events. The more people on the rota's the less often your turn comes round.

If you feel you can help in any way, even not on a regular basis, please speak to the Vicar or churchwarden.

DIARY DATES

MONDAY 12 MAY The Church ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in St Botolphs at 7-30pm
This is an open meeting that anyone can attend.

Craft and chat is held in Church the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2pm