



## ST. BOTOLPH'S NEWSLETTER April 2024

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride .....

Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

We remember in our prayers all in our congregation and church community who are not well, and we remember Trevor and Marion Exton's granddaughter, who is receiving complicated treatment: we pray that it will be successful and that she will soon be well.

During Lent Rev'd Emma delivered a course/led discussion about the qualities of a Christian, with reference to Nick Fawcett's book, Spot the Difference - and some of us stayed on for Midday Prayers.

The Church will continue to be open for Midday Prayers (some prayers led by Emma, some silent prayer), but NOT on Wednesday, April 10.

Bible Study of St. Matthew's Gospel will resume on Wednesdays at 10am in the Church, starting on Wednesday, April 17. Please see Emma or Gail for information.

As I write, it is Easter week-end. On Maundy Thursday, 25 of us from St. Botolph's and Christ Church had an AGAPE meal of delicious homemade vegetable soup and biscuits, in St. Botolph's Church; this was followed by a short Holy Communion service led by Rev'd Chris. A similar number, mostly from Christ Church, spent an Hour at the Cross, at Christ Church: Rev'd Chris led this moving service, with readings, periods of private prayer and contemplation, and time spent time round the cross outside the church. Gratitude to the builders who completed the work at Christ Church just before Easter.

Our Easter Day services at St. Botolph's:

7.00 am Dawn Eucharist with Rev'd Chris in the Priory grounds (or in Church if it is raining)

10.30am Holy Communion with Ven. Michael Fox

Forthcoming services: (all beginning at 10.30 am)

April 7 Holy Communion with Ven. Michael Fox

April 14 Morning Worship with Rev'd Chris Smith

April 21 Morning Worship with Rev'd Chris Smith

April 28 Holy Communion (Preacher Rev'd Chris)

PS In 1957, on a BBC Panorama programme, the late great Richard Dimbleby told of a particularly good harvest of spaghetti in Switzerland, partly because of the disappearance of the spaghetti weevil. Photographs were shown of people apparently gathering the crop from trees.

If you don't remember this, guess what the date was!

(Apart from anything else, it's a funny time of year to be harvesting anything)

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