



PARISH NEWS



JULY 2024

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

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SERVICES IN JULY

St Botolph's, each Sunday at 10-45am

St John's each Sunday at 9-00am

BAPTISMS

12May in St Botolph's MATILDA BENSON

WEDDINGS

20th April Anthony James Furnival and Davina Rachel Jones

4th May Kuriakos Vella and Nicola Tara Mucklow

8th June Richard Stephen Barham and Jenny Ann Gee

FUNERALS

12th April: Ewan Callan (64)- cremated at Rainsbrook Crematorium following a service in St Botolph's

25th April Susan Mary Boyes (80) – buried in St Botolph's Churchyard following a service in Church

9th May Sylvia Williamson (97) - buried in St Botolph's Churchyard following a service in Church

12th June Janet Drage (84) - cremated at Rainsbrook Crematorium

17th June Michael Carl Ryan (Mick) buried in St Botolph's Churchyard following a service in Church

25th June Dorothy Morgan (90) – cremated at Rainsbrook Crematorium

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

Recent winners

March 2024 1st prize £40 ticket no 178 T.SKINNER 2nd £20 ticket no 47 S.WALKER

April 1st prize £40 ticket no 132 P.KENDRICK 2nd £20 ticket no 20 S.BISHOP

May 1st prize £40 ticket no 112 B.THOMAS 2nd £20 ticket no 75 J.HODSON

OBITUARY-- We were sorry to hear of the death of Arthur Webster on 17th June. Those of you who knew Arthur will know what I mean when I say I think that no-one but God could write a script which involved Arthur dying on St Botolph's Day, for St Botolph's was such a part of his life for so many years and there are few people who know more about St Botolph and his life and ministry than Arthur did. Although he was a resident of Long Lawford for many years and his contribution to the life of St John's in that village was huge, I always felt that his heart lay more in St Botolph's. where Arthur so much appreciated its long history.

Arthur was licensed as a Lay Reader(as they were known then)in September 1956 and his record of 68 years' faithful service to the Church of England is one which few have ever, or will ever, be able to match. The Church and the world changed enormously over those years, but Arthur stoically adapted to those many changes, even though some of them he found difficult to take on board. His ministry extended

beyond the boundaries of the Church to encompass so many other areas of life, most notably those connected with the Royal Navy and many of its associated organisations- he was Honorary Chaplain to many of these organisations and also , of course, to a number of local branches of the Royal British Legion.

For many years he was a Governor at Newbold Grange High School- and when the school was reinvented as Avon Valley School Arthur continued as a governor and his vision and enthusiasm contributed enormously to the successful rebuilding of the school following the disastrous fire in 2004. In total he served as Governor for over thirty years.

Arthur will be sadly missed by many folk and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jane and his daughter Heather, who herself is being ordained as a priest at the end of June. Also with his son-in-law Kevin and his granddaughter Abi

" Well done, good and faithful servant"

Paul Wilkinson.

NEWS----- Sally opened her wonderful garden a couple of weeks ago to raise funds for the Church. The weather was cold but dry and there was good attendance, visitors enjoying a cream tea and cake. The raffle was well supported with over 20 prizes and the plant stall was another success. Around £650 was raised in total.

Work has started on repairing the rotten timbers on the South Aisle floor. All defective timbers have been removed and new oak is on order. We hope that the work will be completed in the next couple of weeks, at a cost of £3,600. Donations always welcome!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..... Saturday 9th November the church will be open for people to view the poppy decorations on Remembrance weekend.

Saturday 30 November, Sunday 1 December, Saturday 7th Sunday 8 December will be the Christmas Festival, Slightly different this year, as we will be asking people to make Santa's , snowmen, stars, all things Christmassy More details will follow, watch this space.