

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who have tidied up the churchyard and helped with the Spring cleaning yesterday ready for Easter.

PALM SUNDAY - 14th April

The united churches' Palm Sunday procession will start from Otford Methodist Church at 10.45 am. This will be followed by an act of worship on The Green at 11.00 am. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Church Centre. Palm crosses will be distributed at all services.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 18th April, Church Centre, 8 pm

The re-enactment of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday will include a bowl of soup and bread roll. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church so we can know how many to cater for. Thank you.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - Sunday 28th April

Our APCM is being held on Sunday, 28th April at 11.30 am after our main morning service. At this meeting we will be presenting the Annual Report and Accounts and also electing new members of the PCC. If you would like to serve on the PCC or as a Sidesman, please speak to the Vicar or Churchwardens.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BRING AND SHARE LUNCH AFTER THE APCM

We warmly invite you to a bring and share lunch after the APCM - please sign up on the sheet at the back of church so we know how many will be coming. It is good to top and tail our APCM with a time of worship beforehand and a time of fellowship afterwards. We do hope you will be able to come.

EASTER CARDS

Easter cards, made by Sylvia Grafton, are on sale in the Church Centre, price 25p each or at a bargain price of 5 for £1. Proceeds to The Children's Society.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to give a donation towards the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please hand it to Sylvia Grafton or to Susan Reid. Thank you.

SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH CENTRE

Saturday 18th May, 10 am

We will be cleaning and tidying the storage cupboards, kitchen, office, loft, and rear corridor - many hands will make light work!

PLANT POTS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER FAIR

Heather Stanley would be grateful for any empty plant pots for potting up plants for the summer fair; any size accepted - the larger the better. Please can you let her know, or the Church Office, if you have any available. Many thanks.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sun 14th April **Palm Sunday** procession (10.45 am) and open air service on The Green (11.00 am)

Thurs 18th April **Maundy Thursday**
8 pm Re-enactment of the Last Supper
9 pm The Watch

Fri 19th April **Good Friday**
10 am All Together Worship
2 pm The Last Hour at the Cross

Sun. 21st April **EASTER SUNDAY**
8 & 10 am Easter Communion
6.30 pm Festal Evensong

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT: SATURDAY 25th and SUNDAY 26th MAY AT WISTON HOUSE, WORTHING

An outdoor Christian music festival for all ages with lots of activities and all styles of music. Join us for just one or both days. Website: www.bigchurchdayout.com and speak to Mags Southgate (524720) about tickets.

REQUIEM BY GABRIEL FAURÉ

Good Friday, 19th April at St. Martin's Church, Brasted

Come and sing the chorus parts or just come to listen. Rehearsal for all chorus singers at 5.00 pm. Performance at 6.30 pm. Further details from the St. Martin's Director of Music, Gloria Toplis, Gloria.toplis@outlook.com, 07751 173800.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED NEAR SEVENOAKS FOR SAYT

Beth Holgate, the full-time youth worker requires a flat/house near to Sevenoaks/Tonbridge with an affordable rent for at least a year after her marriage at the end of April. If anyone can help, please get in touch with Beth at Beth@sayt.org.uk. Thank you.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WEEKEND 2019

12th-14th July at Kench Hill, Tenterden

For 8+ year olds. £40/person.

Leaflets are now available at the back of church.

For more information ask Claire, Dawn, Donna, Mags or Russell.

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WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 14th April 2019

Palm Sunday

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

At the communion services, all who are confirmed or who are full members of other churches are welcome to receive Communion. All others, adults and children, are invited to come forward for a blessing.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion
Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar

**10.45 am Palm Sunday Procession:
meet at Otford Methodist Church**

11.00 am Service on The Green

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Church Centre after the Service on The Green

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

In our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents of **Coombe Road and for the work of HAGEP (Hope Alive Girls' Empowerment Programme, Kenya.)**

OFFERTORY ARRANGEMENTS

There is no plate collection in our services. Please place your offering in the boxes at the back of the Church Centre for it to be presented and dedicated during the course of our worship. Thank

DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	41	Lamentations 1:1-12a	Luke 22:1-23
Tues	27	Lamentations 3:1-18	Luke: 22:24-53
Weds	102:1-18	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Luke 22:54-end
Thurs	42	Leviticus 16:2-24	Luke 23:1-25
Fri	69:1-18	Genesis 22:1-18	Hebrews 10:1-10
Sat	142	Hosea 6:1-6	John 2:18-22

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a (page 737 OT)

Embedded in the heart of the prophecies of Isaiah are four Servant Songs. These passages were originally with reference to the nation of Israel, but the Early Church soon came to see how they were fulfilled in the person of Jesus. This third Servant Song reflects the trial scenes in the passion of Jesus and the insults and torture to which he was subjected. Even in his sufferings, Jesus could echo the words of the Servant, trusting that God would uphold him.

Philippians 2:5-11 (page 1179 NT)

Paul urges his friends in the Philippian Church to follow Jesus in his example of humility and obedience to God's will. This early hymn about Christ captures the paradox of Palm Sunday - the Servant who is the King, who exercises his power through the vulnerability of suffering love. Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, but now he is exalted above all.

Luke 19:28-40 (page 1054 NT)

In a highly symbolic act, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a colt. This action fulfils the prophecies in Zechariah that the Messiah would stand on the Mount of Olives and ride into Jerusalem. This symbolism was not lost on the crowds who laid their cloaks before him and spread leafy branches, recalling the occasions when Jehu was anointed as King and when Judas Maccabeus entered Jerusalem in triumph. However, Jesus would not accomplish God's purposes through political or military might, but through his forthcoming death and resurrection.

VERSES FOR THE WEEK

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:3-5

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 15th April

Vicar's off-duty day
7.45 pm Homegroup (17 Leonard Avenue)
8.00 pm St. Bart's Fair Committee (39 Well Road)

Tuesday 16th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17th April

10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Maundy Thursday 18th April

8.00 pm Re-enactment of the Last Supper
9.00 pm The Watch (in Church)

Good Friday 19th April

10.00 am All Together Worship
2.00 pm The Last Hour at The Cross

Saturday 20th April

9.00 am Decoration of the Church for Easter

NEXT SUNDAY - 21st April EASTER DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Margaret Lidbetter
Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Bill Lattimer
Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar

6.30 pm Festal Evensong

Leader: The Vicar
Preacher: Revd. Chris Reed