

## HAPPY EASTER

Richard and Donna wish you all a joyful and blessed Easter!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who have cleaned the brasses, silver and the linen. Many thanks to all involved in our Holy Week and Easter worship and the preparation of these services. Special thanks to our Churchwardens, Janet and Russell; to the sidespeople, to Kevin Grafton and our Choir, to our worship band, to Bobby Fairclough and the bellringers; and to Susan and Clive in the Church Office.

## 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.

A full copy of the Accounts can be obtained from the website and there are a few printed copies available at the back of Church for those who do not have access to the website.

## 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.

## COMMEMORATION OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES

This annual service will be held on Sunday, 5th May at 3.00 pm. At this service the names of departed loved ones will be read out and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of them. This commemoration is held during the season of Easter to underline the fact that we remember our loved ones in the light of the resurrection of Jesus, with the promise of eternal life that flows from this.

## 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.

## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sun. 28th April Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
11.45 am followed by lunch in the  
Church Centre at 1.00 pm
- Sun. 5th May Commemoration of Departed Loved  
Ones, 3.00 pm in Church
- Sun. 19th May Civic Service, 10.00 am

## 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!

## 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](http://www.bigchurchdayout.com) and speak to Mags Southgate (524720) about tickets.

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH FAIR SATURDAY, 15th JUNE

The Church Fair will be held on Saturday, 15th June on The Green and the surrounding areas. There will be the usual array of stalls and attractions. Proceeds will go to support the mission and ministry of St. Bartholomew's, so please book the date in your diary. If you can help in any way, please contact Andrew Hill (01732 469538) or the Church Office (523185).

## 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.

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WEEKEND 2019 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



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## WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 21st April 2019

## EASTER DAY

## COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.  
**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**  
 Leader: Margaret Lidbetter  
 Preacher: and Celebrant The Vicar
- 10.00 am Holy Communion**  
 Leader: Bill Lattimer  
 Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar  
 Hymns: 107, 105, 114
- 6.30 pm Festal Evensong**  
 Leader: The Vicar  
 Preacher: Revd. Chris Reed  
 Hymns: 110, 112, 124, Easter Anthems

### SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

#### Acts 10:34-40 (page 1104 NT)

In response to the conversion of the centurion Cornelius, Peter summarises the Gospel. He describes Jesus' life and ministry leading up to his death on the cross. Then God raised Jesus from the dead in fulfilment of ancient prophecies. Peter and the disciples are called to be witnesses of this wonderful truth which is for all nations.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (page 1156 NT)

1 Corinthians 15 is St. Paul's great discourse on the resurrection. In this section he confidently asserts the truth that Christ was raised from the dead, and inaugurated a whole new order: "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." Through the resurrection the authority of Christ is affirmed and death is finally defeated.

#### John 20:1-8 (page 1089 NT)

On the first Easter morning Mary discovers that the stone has been rolled away from the tomb. Peter and John find that the tomb is empty. They return to their homes, but Mary lingers, and it is to her that Jesus first appears. She initially mistakes him for the gardener, but then her bewilderment is turned to joy and she hurries to share the good news of the risen Lord with the disciples.

#### VERSES FOR THE WEEK

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ will all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

#### PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for the work of **Christian Aid**.

### THIS WEEK'S DIARY

#### Monday 22nd April: Bank Holiday

Vicar's off-duty day  
 7.45 pm CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)

#### Tuesday 23rd April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

#### Wednesday 24th April

9.30 am 'First Steps' (Otford Methodist Church Hall)  
 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) refreshments afterwards  
 7.30 pm Worship Advisory Group - The Vicarage

#### Thursday 25th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
 7.45 pm Bellringing practice

#### Friday 26th April

9.00 am Prayer group  
 8.00 pm Choir practice

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Church Centre after the 10 am Service

#### OFFERTORY ARRANGEMENTS

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

#### DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	111	Song of Solomon 1:9-2:7	Mark 16:1-8
Tues	112	Song of Solomon 2:8-end	Luke 24:1-12
Weds	113	Song of Solomon ch.3	Matthew 28:16-end
Thurs	114	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3	Luke 7:11-17
Fri	115	Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4	Luke 8:41-end
Sat	116	Song of Solomon 8:5-7	John 11:17-44

### NEXT SUNDAY - 28th April The Second Sunday of Easter

#### 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar

#### 10.00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Mags Southgate  
 Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar

#### 11.45 am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

#### 1.00 pm Bring and Share Lunch (Church Centre)