

COMMEMORATION OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES

This annual service will be held **TODAY 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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the APCM on 28th April, Russell Edwards and Janet Hunt were re-appointed as Churchwardens. We are very grateful for all that they do for our church.

Four members stood down after completing their elected term of three years on the PCC: Joan Beacom, Cindy Davies, Mags Southgate and Nick Page. We thank them for all that they have contributed to the life of St. Bart's during their time on the PCC.

We are pleased to welcome Sam Barnett, Jocelyn Hart, Martin Lea and Emma Peters who were elected to the PCC for a three-year term. We also welcome Jason Gunn who was elected for one year as our third representative on the Deanery Synod.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 12th-18th May

We are grateful to our magazine distributors who will be collecting the Christian Aid envelopes next week. Please return these envelopes to the Church Office. Thank you.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will be held next Sunday, 12th May at 3.00 pm in the Church Centre. It is particularly suitable for families with children up to the age of 11. Do come along for some messy fun!

MID-MAY SOUP LUNCH

Thank you to those who support the soup lunches. The next lunch is planned for **Monday, 13th May, 12-2.00 pm in the Church Centre**. Our speaker will be **Christeen Malan**. Suggested donation of £5. Please join us if you can.

SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH CENTRE

We will be cleaning and tidying the storage cupboards, kitchen, office, loft, and rear corridor on Saturday, 18th May, 10.00 am - many hands will make light work!

SOME DATES FOR OUR DIARY

Sun.12th May Messy Church, 3.00 pm (Church Centre)
Mon.13th May Soup Lunch, 12-2.00 pm (Church Centre)
Sun. 19th May Civic Service, 10.00 am

CIVIC SERVICE, SUNDAY 19TH MAY at 10.00 am

We warmly invite you to join us at this service as we celebrate the life of our village community.

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.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WEEKEND 2019

St. Bart's will be running a youth and children's weekend from 12th-14th July at Kench Hill, Tenterden for anyone over 8 yrs. Cost £40/person. Leaflets are now available at the back of church. For more information please ask, Claire, Dawn, Donna, Mags or Russell.

MAGAZINES

Material for the June magazine should be sent to the Church Office, st.bartholomews@otford.net by Friday, 10th May.

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 Parish Church Office (523185).

REQUEST FOR ITEMS: If you can provide bottles and books for the stalls, please bring them into the Church office.

EASTER CARDS

If you have any Easter cards from this year that can be re-made into cards for next year, please give them to Sylvia Grafton or leave them in the Church office. Thank you.

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WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 5th May 2019

The Third Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Leader and Celebrant: The Vicar
Preacher: Margaret Lidbetter

10.00 am All Together Worship

Leader: Mags Southgate
Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns are printed on the service sheet

3.00 pm Commemoration of Departed Loved Ones

Leader: Margaret Lidbetter
Preacher: The Vicar

6.30 pm Evensong

Leader: The Vicar
Preacher: Margaret Lidbetter

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

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

In our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents of **Darnets Field** and for the work of **Sevenoaks Counselling Service**.

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 you!

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!

Revelation 5:12

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

In our readings this morning, the theme of commissioning as disciples of Christ comes out clearly. In the reading from Acts we hear about Paul and in the Gospel reading we hear about Peter. Our participation in worship today gives us a chance to reaffirm our own commitment to Christ.

Acts 9:1-6 (page 1102 NT)

The conversion of Saint Paul has many significant aspects. He had a personal encounter with the risen Lord which was humbling. Although he set out for Damascus in self-righteous assurance that he was doing God's will, he arrived there stumbling and blinded, led by others. There he was restored and forgiven. He was brought into fellowship with other believers, and he was called to lifelong service to bear witness to the Gospel in word and deed.

Revelation 5:11-end (page 1237 NT)

The reading from Revelation describes a wonderful vision of worship in heaven focusing on Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

John 21:1-19 (page 1090 NT)

This passage is full of resonant imagery. It begins with the disciples fishing, but without success. The fact that it was night hints at the darkness in their hearts and minds. Then at dawn, Jesus appears. As on the first resurrection morning he is not recognized initially. Following his instructions, the disciples have a huge catch of fish, indicating the missionary work of the Church. Peter is then recommissioned. The questions of Jesus allow Peter to affirm his love for Christ three times, thus undoing the three earlier denials in the courtyard of the Caiaphas. Jesus then says in words that are both simple and all-encompassing, "Follow me".

DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	96	Deuteronomy 5:1-22	Ephesians 1:1-14
Tues	98	Deuteronomy 5:22-end	Ephesians 1:15-end
Weds	105	Deuteronomy ch.6	Ephesians 2:1-10
Thurs	138	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	Ephesians 2:11-end
Fri	107:1-16	Deuteronomy 7:12-end	Ephesians 3:1-13
Sat	111	Deuteronomy ch.8	Ephesians 3:14-end

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 6th May: Spring Bank Holiday

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

Tuesday 7th May

9.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Funeral of Peter Ford (TW Cemetery Chapel)

Wednesday 8th May

9.30 am 'First Steps' (Otford Methodist Church Hall)
10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) refreshments afterwards

Thursday 9th May

9.00 am Morning Prayer
7.45 pm Bellringing practice

Friday 10th May

9.00 am Prayer Group
1.45 pm Funeral of Frederick Holmes (TW Crematorium)
4.00 pm Magazine Editorial Team
No Choir Practice

Saturday 11th May

6.00 pm EPIC (Church Centre)

NEXT SUNDAY - 12th May The Fourth Sunday of Easter Christian Aid Week

8.00 am Holy Communion

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12 noon Baptism of Finlay Hobbins King

3.00 pm Messy Church (Church Centre)