

St Bart's News – Sunday 28th April

5th Sunday of Easter

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 28th April	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) followed by APCM
Wednesday 24th April	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 5th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	All Together Worship
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 25th April	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 26th April	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday 27th April	12noon	Interment of Ashes – Dennis Mooney
Sunday 28th April	8.45am	Prayer Breakfast (Church Centre)
	11.30am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed by lunch
Monday 29th April	2.00pm	CAMEO (Church Centre)
Thursday 2nd May	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 3rd May	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday 4th May	9.00am	Churchyard Working Party

NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Our **10.00am Sunday service** continues to be livestreamed as well as being in person. Access it via our YouTube channel [StBarts Otford](#) or [church website](#).

THANKS

Our welcome and thank you to Revd Alan Vousden and Revd Adie McCall for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Shoreham Road; and for the work of the Church Mission Society. We pray for those who are unwell, including Rosemary Hull, Gareth Tucker, Christine Humphrey, Keith Howe, and Navdeep Singh Kandola. We remember the recently departed and in particular David Hallam and Eunice Beasley; we pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

EUNICE BEASLEY

The funeral of Eunice will be held at St Bart's on Tuesday 14th May at 12noon. All are welcome to come and celebrate her life, long and well lived.

OFFICE OPENING

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am- 12noon.

POP-UP STALLS

We are now collecting books for our Book & Bake sale on Monday 6th May. Please look out any PAPERBACK books for all ages which you no longer need. No hardback books please.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Our APCM will be taking place following our 10am service on **Sunday 28th April at 11.30am** (followed by lunch). All are invited to join us for this meeting. If you wish to join us for lunch please sign the list in the church lobby or let the [church office](#) know

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our monthly prayer breakfast is on the 4th Sunday in the month, 8.45am in the Church Centre. The next one will be this Sunday **28th April**.

YOUTH WEEKEND – KENCH HILL

Our fun filled action packed youth weekend this year runs from 19th-21st July. Leaflets and consent forms are available for youngsters aged 8 and over from our youth leaders, in the church centre or [online](#). Deposits for the weekend by 12th May please, and balance payments by 16th June. Any questions please talk to Dawn, Mags, Russell or Claire.

SALES TABLE

Don't miss out on the **card and mini gifts stall** in the church centre. If you have any used cards or new mini gifts you are willing to part with, we are sure we can make use of them. **If you have any used Easter cards please drop them off at the church office for upcycling.** Many grateful thanks.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Here is a list of items the foodbank is requesting at the moment:

tuna and other fish, stewed steak, chicken casserole, ham/spam, corned beef, macaroni cheese, potatoes, rice sauces, instant soup, instant noodles, instant pasta, biscuits, cooking oil, peanut butter, chocolate spread, marmite, honey, tin openers, men's grooming products, women's hygiene products, shower gel.

If you wish to find out more about Loaves and Fishes or contact them please do so at

www.sevenoaksfoodbank.co.uk or at sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are served in the Church Centre after our 10am service to which all are welcome. If you could help with serving coffee, please sign up on the new rota next to the serving hatch in the Church Centre, there are spaces to fill 😊

PRAYER FOR THE VACANCY

Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for our parish, and we trust that those plans are good. Wise Holy Spirit, guide those who are seeking the right person to be our next vicar, and those who are seeking the right next step in their ministry. Together may we discern your way for the future and be further equipped to grow. Amen

READINGS *(numbers show page in pew Bibles of readings being used)*

Sunday Morning Services: Acts 8:26-end (Pg.1101); 1 John 4:7-end; John 15:1-8 (pg.1083) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: No Service

BCP Communion: James 1:17-21; John 16:5-15 *(used on Wednesday morning)*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Alleluia sing to Jesus (BBC 189); 2. Jesus call us here to meet him (BBC 209); 3. Lord Jesus Christ (BBC 192); 4. We have a gospel to proclaim (BBC 182)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

No Service

COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

RESOURCES

OUR SERVICES ONLINE

You can watch last week's service and catch up with other recent services here: <https://www.youtube.com/@stbartsotford1735/streams>

CHURCH DONATION

You can make a **one-off donation** to the work of our church by visiting this site: <https://account.stewardship.org.uk/donation/oneoff/20293172>

CONTACT LIST

Please contact the [Office](#) regarding baptisms, weddings, funerals or requests for home communions

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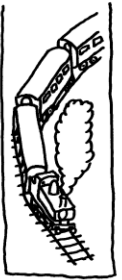
A Church Near You: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19716/

Please send any notices for inclusion to st.bartholomews@otford.net by **TUESDAY EVENING at the latest**

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

STOLES

THE VICAR USES THESE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CONGREGATION

PATTERN →				
WHAT THE VICAR INTENDS IT TO MEAN →	CHRISTIANITY BRINGS NEW GROWTH	THE SPIRIT IS AT WORK	THE BIBLE IS VERY IMPORTANT	WE ARE ALL ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH
WHAT THE CONGREGATION THINKS IT MEANS →	WE COULD DO WITH SOME HELP WITH THE OVERGROWN CHURCHYARD	ONE DAY WE WILL GET SOME PROPER HEATING	IN SOME WAYS A STOLE LOOKS SIMILAR TO A VERY LARGE BOOKMARK	I LIKE TRAINS

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With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team