

# St Bart's News – Sunday 15th September

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	12.30pm	Baptism of Maya King and Richard King
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	8.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship

### DIARY DATES

<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10am-6pm	Ride and Stride
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	2.00pm	CAMEO Bible Study (17 Leonard Avenue)
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	6.00pm	EPIC (Church Centre)
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	12.00pm	Soup Lunch (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	PCC (Church Centre)

## NOTICEBOARD

### SERVICES IN CHURCH

Our **10.00am Sunday service** are livestreamed. You can access them via our YouTube channel [StBarts Otford](#) or [church website](#).

### THANKS

Our welcome and thanks to Revd Adie McCall for taking our Sunday communion service.

### VACANCY

As our vacancy continues the churchwardens, ministry team and administrator in particular continue to have a lot of extra responsibilities and any help and support you can offer will be appreciated. Much hard work has gone into ensuring as many services as possible are covered, but please understand there is a general shortage of available clergy to take Communion and more so now than when our vacancy began. On the small number of occasions when there is no priest to take Communion a service of Morning Worship/Prayer will be offered. We will endeavour to give good notice of any changes so, keep an eye on the notices.

### \*\*\* CHANGE TO SERVICES\*\*\*

In light of the above notice, please note that as it stands the 8am and 10am Holy Communion services on **22<sup>nd</sup> September** will be said BCP Morning Prayer and CW Morning Worship respectively. Also, the 10am Holy Communion service on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** will be BCP Morning Prayer. Our thanks to those Margaret who will be covering these services.

### PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Darnets Field; and for the work of Pursue. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Margaret Matthews and Sarah. We remember the recently departed; we pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

## OFFICE OPENING

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week.

## 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 BREAKFAST.

Is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 8.45am, between our 8am and 10am services. Stay on after one service or come early for the other. Join us in thanksgiving for all God has given us, for all that he will do through us, and also to pray for the filling of our vacancy.

## FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

This year the Ride and stride is on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. If you can please sponsor the Holmes family, who aim to walk 10 miles (covering up to 18 churches), by filling out the sponsor form at the back of church. If you prefer you can sponsor them by using the following Justgiving link [www.justgiving.com/page/mark-holmes-stride](http://www.justgiving.com/page/mark-holmes-stride). Half of the money raised comes to St Bart's and the other half goes to the Friends of Kent Churches to fund grants to churches in need of maintenance.

## SOUP LUNCH

Please join us for our soup lunch on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 12noon (please note the change of date). Our coffee-time speaker will be Andy Lawson from Demelza House. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby.

## HARVEST SUPPER AND QUIZ

Our Harvest Supper and Quiz evening is Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Everyone is welcome to join us for a delicious 2-course home cooked supper, light-hearted quiz and raffle. Arrive 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Suggested donation £15 per person. Please sign-up in church or let the office know if you are coming. Lifts available for those who aren't happy to drive after dark – contact one of the wardens.

## 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. Many grateful thanks.

## LOAVES AND FISHES

Our friends at Loaves & Fishes are appealing in particular for tins of meatballs, hot dogs, chicken curry, sweetcorn, fruits and rice pudding. Also, pasta, biscuits, salt and pepper, soap, shower gel and sanitary towels. If you wish to find out more about Loaves and Fishes or contact them please do so at [www.sevenoaksfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.sevenoaksfoodbank.co.uk) or at [sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com)

## 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 incumbent, 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:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 3:1-12 (pg.1214); Mark 8:27-end (pg.1012) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

**Evensong:** Exodus 18:13-26; Matthew 7:1-14

**BCP Communion:** Ephesians 3:13-end; Luke 7:11-17 *(used on Wednesday morning)*

## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Christ triumphant (BBC 119); 2. From heaven you came (BBC 327); 3. Praise to the Lord the almighty (BBC 19, omit vv. 4 & 5); 4. O Jesus I have promised (BBC 339)

## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. Praise to the holiest (NEH 439); 2. Take up thy cross (NEH 76); 3. Forth in the peace of Christ (NEH 361); Psalm 19

## COLLECT

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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*Please send any notices for inclusion to [st.bartholomews@otford.net](mailto:st.bartholomews@otford.net) by **TUESDAY EVENING** at the latest*

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

With every blessing,

The Wardens and  
Ministry Team

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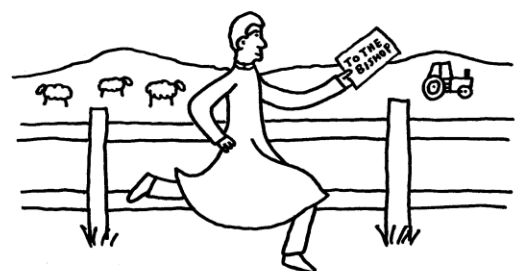
CALLING THE CLERGY TOGETHER FOR DEANERY CHAPTER MEETINGS



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SUPERVISING THE PROVISION OF SUNDAY SERVICES DURING AN INTERREGNUM



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