

St Bart's News – Sunday 13th October

20th Sunday after Trinity

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 13th October	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Wednesday 16th October	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 20th October	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 10th October	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 11th October	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 12th October	6.00pm	EPIC
Monday 14th October	2.00pm	CAMEO Bible Study (Church Centre)
Tuesday 15th October	1.45pm	Oxford Primary School Harvest (Church)
	8.00pm	PCC (Church Centre)
Thursday 17th October	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 18th October	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 19th October	1.30pm	Men's Group Clay Pigeon Shooting (details below)
	2.30pm	Puzzle-a-thon (details below)

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, Ian Aveson and Richard Howlett for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

VACANCY

We are sorry to say that following the latest day for interviews at the beginning of October an appointment was unable to be made. Please remember in prayer all those who are working so hard in seeking to find an incumbent for St Bart's.

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 10am service on **Wednesday 23rd October** will be Morning Prayer, and the 8am and 10am Holy Communion services on **Sunday 27th October** will be said BCP Morning Prayer and CW Morning Worship respectively.

OFFICE OPENING

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

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for those living on The Green; and for the work of The Children's Society. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Beryl Hallam, Mary Quenby and Sarah. We remember the recently departed, in particular Mavis Crook, and for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

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 4th 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.

MEN'S GROUP OUTING.

The St. Barts Men's Group will be going Clay Pigeon Shooting and for an Evening Curry on Saturday 19th of October. The Cost of the shooting is £35 for 25 cartridges including gun hire and tuition. This is open to those 15 or over. We will be leaving the church Car Park at 1:30 pm for a 2:00pm session at the ground in Sutton at Hone. We return late afternoon with the option of a pint at the Plough in Eynsford on our way home. The Curry is booked at the Tamarind in Kemsing for 6:30pm. If the weather permits, we'll be walking from the Church at 6:00 PM. Feel free to join us for a little or as much as you wish.

Numbers need to be confirmed a week in advance so please make sure you book with Russell or Clive by Friday 11th of October. There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby or you can contact the [church office](#)

If you or members of your family are willing to provide lifts to the shooting or the curry they would be gratefully received.

PUZZLE-A-THON

Join a Puzzle-a-thon challenge on 19th Oct starting at 2.30pm in the St Barts Church Centre, where teams of 4 will compete to complete a 500-piece puzzle. A prize is up for grabs! Individuals or groups are welcome. Recommended donation £5/person which includes a delicious homemade cream tea served at 4pm. Sign-up in the church lobby or let the church office know.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Not long now until our Christmas Market on **Saturday 23rd November**. All help, even just for an hour, would be much appreciated, please. Could you cover a stall to give stallholders a short break, or assist with serving refreshments? Or would you be able to help with setting up on Friday / Saturday morning and/or clearing away at the end of the day? Please let Janet know if you can lend a hand, either directly or via the office. Also, we're now collecting items for the gift stall so we can package and price – these can be left in the Church lobby in the mornings when open. More details to follow. Thank you! 😊

The Cards and Wrapping Stall is asking for donations of new, unused Christmas cards and gift tags only at the present time. As the Christmas cards need to be sorted and repackaged, it would be very helpful if any donations could be received by **15th November**. There will be a box in the entrance to the Church Centre for the donations. A further plea for rolls of wrapping paper, Christmas themed or plain gift bags and boxes, bows and ribbon, will be sent out towards the end of October. Thank you.

DEPARTED LOVED ONES SERVICE

Each year we hold a service to remember those who have passed in the previous 12 months. This year the service is at **3pm on Sunday 27th October**. If you have lost a loved one in the past year or even over the past few years and would like the opportunity to have their name read out at this service and light a candle in their memory, please speak to Margaret Lidbetter or contact the church office.

POLICY IN RELATION TO DOGS IN CHURCH

After much discussion and review at various PCC meetings we now confirm that 'Fully Trained Assistance Dogs' are always welcome in Church. Well trained dogs are welcome to visit the Church with their owners 30 minutes either side of services being held in Church.

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 or at 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: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 ; Hebrews 4:12-end (pg.1203); Mark 10:17-31 (pg.1014) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: No Service

BCP Communion: Ephesians 5:15-21; Matthew 22:1-14 *(used on Wednesday morning)*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy (BBC 23); 2. Beauty for brokenness (BBC 267); 3. Take my life and let it be (BBC 346); 4. For the healing of the nations (BBC 377)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

No Service

COLLECT

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; 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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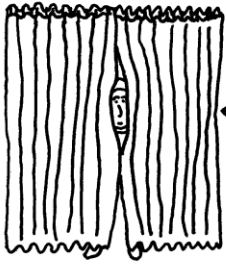
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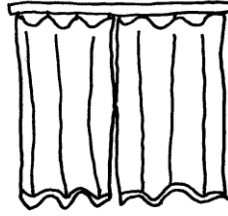
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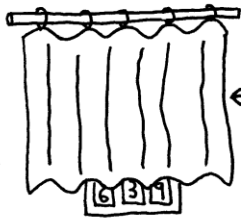
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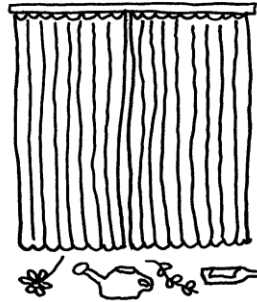
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← OVER ITEMS TOO HOLY TO BE MENTIONED IN THIS CARTOON



← OVER THE HYMN BOARD TO ADD A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SUSPENSE



← OVER THE AREA WHERE THE FLOWER LADIES KEEP THEIR BITS AND BOBS

CartoonChurch.com

With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team