

St Bart's News – Sunday 20th October

21st Sunday after Trinity

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 20th October	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday 23rd October	10.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 27th October	8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	3.00pm	Service for Departed Loved Ones

DIARY DATES

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)
Monday 21st October	2.00pm	CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)
Tuesday 22nd October	8.00pm	Fabric Committee (Church Centre)
Thursday 24th October	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 25th October	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice

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 Andrew Procter 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 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.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for those living in Great Till Close; and for the work of Sevenoaks Counselling Service. 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.

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 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.

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 PUDDING MAKING

If you would like to join us to make a couple of Christmas puddings (one to keep and one to sell at the Christmas Market) please sign the list in the church lobby or contact the [church office](#). **Saturday 2nd November, 2.30pm in the Church Centre**. The cost for ingredients etc is £12.50 and includes afternoon tea is payable on the day.

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: Isaiah 53:4-end ; Hebrews 5:1-10 (pg.1204); Mark 10:35-45 (pg.1015) (used at 8.00am/10.00am)

Evensong: Joshua 14:6-14; Matthew 12:1-21

BCP Communion: Ephesians 6:10-20; John 4:46-end (used on Wednesday morning)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Christ triumphant (BBC 119); 2. My God I love thee (BBC 237); 3. Son of God eternal saviour (BBC 368 omit v.4)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. Father of heaven (NEH 358); 2. Before the ending of the day (NEH 241); 3. God is love: let heaven adore him (NEH 364); Psalm 91

COLLECT

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in 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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And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team

