

St Bart's News – Sunday 27th October

Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 27th October	8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	3.00pm	Service for Departed Loved Ones
Wednesday 30th October	10.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 3rd November	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	All Together Worship
	12.30pm	Baptism of Isla and Beth Mitchell
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 24th October	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 25th October	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 27th October	2.00am	BST ends. Clocks go back 1 hour
Monday 28th October	2.00pm	CAMEO Bible Study (17 Leonard Avenue)
Thursday 31st October	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 1st November	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 2nd November	2.30pm	Christmas pudding making (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 Anne Bourne for taking our Wednesday 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 the 8am and 10am Holy Communion services on **Sunday 27th October** will be said BCP Morning Prayer and CW Morning Worship respectively. We thank Dawn for leading these services for us.

CHURCH EMAILS

At the end of this year the otford.net email address for the office will no longer operate. Please update your contact details for the church office to office@stbartholomews.co.uk and use this from now on. There will also be other email addresses for different areas of the church. The first of these is now available and it is treasurer@stbartholomews.co.uk We will keep you updated as other addresses come online.

STEWARDSHIP

Following our Stewardship Sunday on 20th October. Please prayerfully consider what has been presented and respond accordingly by completing the stewardship response form by 17th November, even if you are making no change to what you currently give or offer in terms of time and skills.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for those living in Greenhill Road; and for the work of Hospices of Hope. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Beryl Hallam, Mary Quenby, Pam Lane 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.

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.

SOUP LUNCH

Please join us for our popular soup lunch on Monday 11th November, 12noon. Our coffee-time guest will be our own John Oldershaw who will be entertaining us with poems and stories on the theme 'My coat is my handbag'. A sign -up sheet for this is available in the lobby.

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.

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 55:1-11 ; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (pg.1197); John 5:36b-end (pg.1069) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: No Service

BCP Communion: Revelation 7:2-12; Matthew 5:1-12 *(used on Wednesday morning)*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Let all the world (BBC 236); 2. Lord you sometimes speak in wonders (BBC 180, tune 325ii); 3. Lord for the years (BBC 368 omit v.4)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

No Service

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; 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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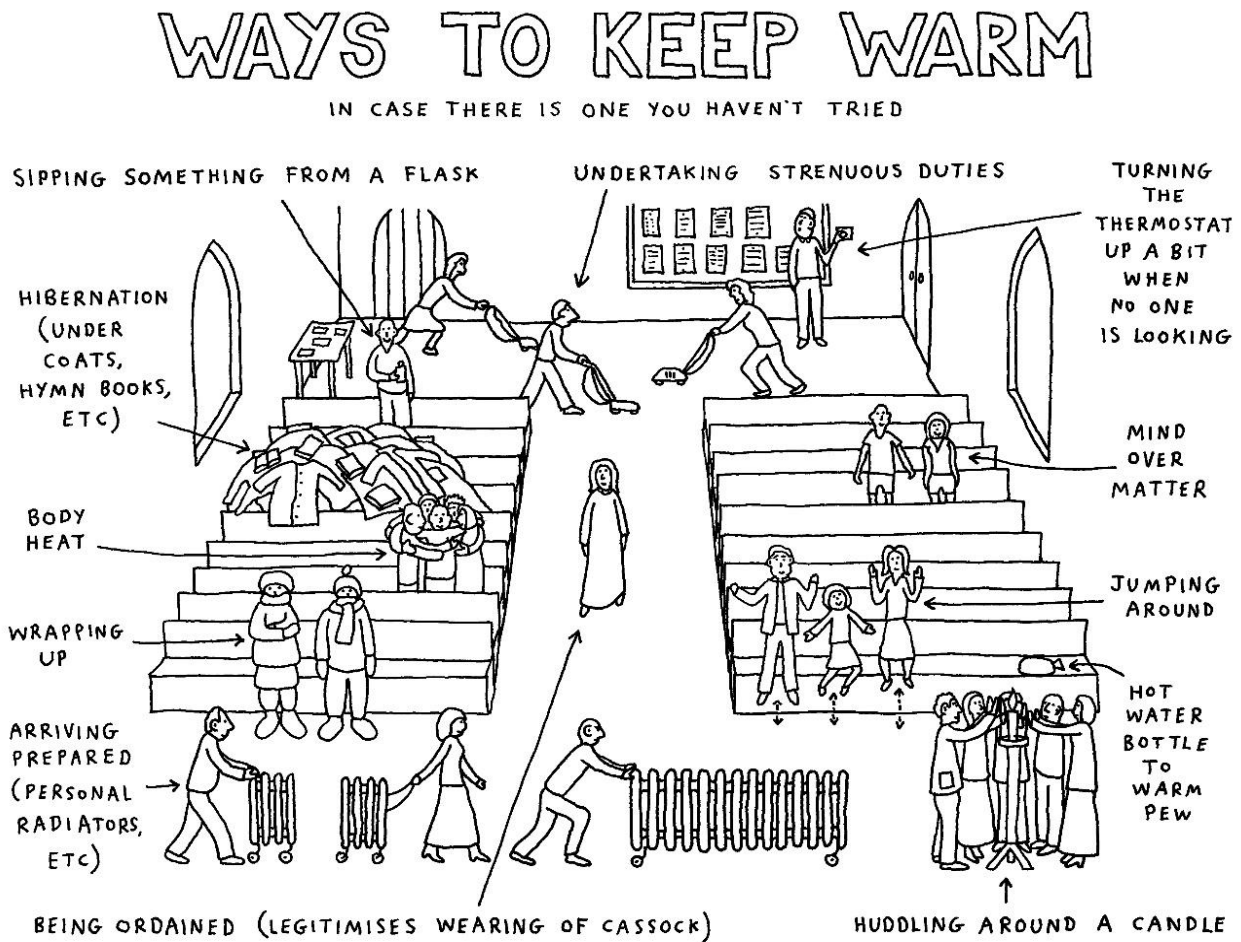
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Please send any notices for inclusion to office@stbartholomews.co.uk by **TUESDAY EVENING** at the latest

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:



With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team