

St Bart's News – Sunday 3rd November

All Saints' Sunday

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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)
Wednesday 6th November	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) followed by coffee
Sunday 10th November	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Remembrance Sunday Service in Church
	10.50am	Service at the Village War Memorial

DIARY DATES

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)
Monday 4th November	2.00pm	CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)
Thursday 7th November	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 8th November	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	6.00pm	Flag Practice (Church)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 9th November	6.00pm	EPIC (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 and 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 Sunday 28th November will be said BCP Morning Prayer.

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 others come online.

STEWARDSHIP

Following our Stewardship Sunday on 20th October you will find at the back of church the information presented on that day. 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 Hale Lane; and for the work of The Bible Society. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Beryl Hallam, Mary Quenby, Pam Lane, Keith Howe, Chris Bourne 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.

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 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. **In addition** to these, the cards and wrapping stall would now very much appreciate donations of the following items: rolls of wrapping paper, Christmas themed or plain gift bags and boxes, bows, ribbon, and gift tags. As the donations need to be sorted and priced, it would be helpful if they could be placed in the box in the Church foyer by 15th November. 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 but not 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

From our friends at Loaves & Fishes ... *On behalf of the Sevenoaks (Loaves & Fishes) Foodbank, I want to thank your congregation for all the contributions made to your recent Harvest donations. The generosity and kindness shown has been totally inspiring.*

We are extremely grateful for your contributions to the Foodbank, which enables us to continually support those in our community who are struggling to make end meet. Thank you so much for playing a part in bringing help and hope to those in need.

In particular at the moment the food bank are appealing for tins of tuna, chicken casserole, macaroni cheese, hot dogs, chilli con carne, beef curry, chicken curry, peas, sweet corn. Also, breakfast cereals (not cornflakes), rice, pasta sauce, UHT milk, biscuits, instant coffee, hot chocolate, vegetable oil, chocolate spread, marmite, shampoo, 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

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 25:6-9 ; Revelation 21:1-6a (pg.1249); John 11:32-44 (pg.1078) (*used at 8.00am/10.00am*)

Evensong: Isaiah 65:17-end; Hebrews 11:32-12:2

BCP Communion: Philippians 1:3-11; Matthew 18:21-end (*used on Wednesday morning*)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Praise is rising; 2. Endless hallelujahs; 3. There is a higher throne; 4. For all the saints

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. God, whose city's sure foundation (NEH 199); 2. For all thy saints, O Lord (NEH 224); 3. For all the saints (NEH 197 vv. 1, 2, 5-8); Psalm 119:1-16

COLLECT

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; 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>

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

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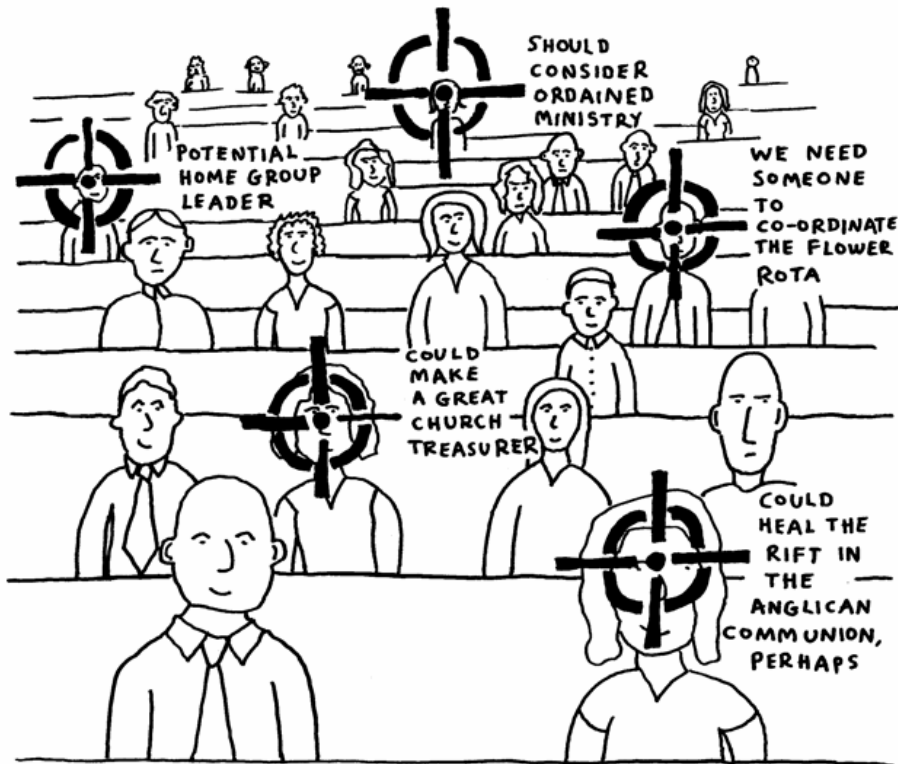
YouTube: [StBarts Oxford](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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

Please send any notices for inclusion to office@stbartholomews.co.uk by TUESDAY EVENING at the latest

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT



CartoonChurch.com

With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team