

St Bart's News – Sunday 16th February 2025

3rd Sunday before Lent

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 16th February	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday 19th February	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 23rd February	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 13th February	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 14th February	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Monday 17th February	2.00pm	CAMEO Bible Study (17 Leonard Avenue)
Thursday 20th February	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 21st February	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 23rd February	8.45am	Prayer Breakfast

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 Richard Howlett for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

*** CHANGE TO SERVICES***

5th March – There will be no Ash Wednesday evening communion this year. There will however be a service at 10am at which there will be the imposition of ashes.

9th March, 8am – this will be a service of Morning Prayer (CW). There will be the usual service of communion at 10am for those who wish to take communion on this day.

OFFICE OPENING

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and **Thursday** this coming week.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of the Pilgrims Way East; and the work of The Children's Society. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Keith Howe, Richard Hunt, and Linda. We remember the recently departed, in particular Gwyneth Miller and for those who mourn her passing. We also remember the family and friends of those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

CHURCH QUIZ

We will be holding a quiz night on Saturday 1st March, St David's Day. There will be a Welsh theme to supper with pancakes to follow. Please sign up on the list in the church lobby. Come as part of a table of 6-8 people, or we can add you to a table on the night. Cost is £15 (please bring your own drinks and glasses)

FUNERAL

The funeral of Gwyneth Miller will be held on Friday 7th March, 10am at Bluebell Crematorium, Knockholt.

THANK YOU!

Over the Christmas period and at our Christian Unity Service our offerings were given to the Loaves and Fishes Foodbank. The total amount passed on was £654. Thank you for your generosity.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flower rota for 2025 is on the noticeboard. If you feel you could put some flowers on both altars, perhaps in memory of a loved one, at any time during the year (except Lent) please sign the list. If you would like to know more, please speak with Joan Beacom.

PRAYER BREAKFAST.

Our next Prayer Breakfast is on Sunday 23rd February 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.

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 😊

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

It's that time of year when we need to count up the contents of Children's Society collection boxes. Please could you drop them into the Church Office or to my house at 8 Great Till Close for emptying and we will return them to you as soon as possible. No worries if they are not very full every little counts!! If there is anyone who would like a collection box then please do let us know. Many thanks *Penny Anderson*

CHURCH EMAILS

If you haven't already done so, please update your church email contacts to those listed below. Any emails sent to our old addresses cannot be accessed.

Vicar: Vicar@stbartholomews.co.uk (this will go to the church office until we have new incumbent)

Church Office : office@stbartholomews.co.uk

The Treasurer : treasurer@stbartholomews.co.uk

Safeguarding Officer : Safeguarding@stbartholomews.co.uk

Events: Events@stbartholomews.co.uk

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 up to 30 minutes before a service starts and from 30 minutes after a service finishes.

LOAVES AND FISHES

In particular at the moment the food bank is 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: Jeremiah 17:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (pg.1155); Luke 6:17-26 (pg.1034) (used at 8.00am/10.00am)

Evensong: Jeremiah 17:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (pg.1155); Luke 6:17-26 (pg.1034)

BCP Communion: 2 Corinthians 11:19-31; Luke 8:4-15 (used on Wednesday morning)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Rejoice the Lord is King (BBC 130) 2. Crown him with many crowns (BBC 121); 3. Thine be the glory (BBC 114)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. Through all the changing scenes of life (NEH 467); 2. Dear Lord and Father of mankind (NEH 353); 3. All my hope on God is founded (NEH 333); Psalm 1

COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he 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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YouTube	StBarts Otford
A Church Near You	www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19716/

Please send any notices for inclusion to the Church Office by TUESDAY EVENING at the latest

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

SIDESPERSONS

COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THEIR ROLE



PEOPLE WHO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS FROM THE SIDE AISLES



FRIENDS WHO ONLY ORDER CHIPS AT A RESTAURANT



PERSONS MADE UP ONLY OF SIDES



BACKING DANCERS FOR LITURGICAL ROUTINES

CartoonChurch.com

With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team