

St Bart's News – Sunday 23rd February 2025

2nd Sunday before Lent

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 23rd February	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Wednesday 26th February	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 2nd March	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	All Together Worship
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES

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
Monday 24th February	2.00pm	CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)
Tuesday 25th February	8.00pm	PCC (Church Centre)
Thursday 27th February	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
Friday 28th February	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 1st March	9.00am	Churchyard Working Party
	1.30pm	KCACR Striking Competition
	6.30pm	Church Quiz (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 Ian Aveson 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 Friday this coming week.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Pilgrims Way West; and the work of the Loaves and Fishes Foodbank. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Keith Howe, Richard Hunt, Pam 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.

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.

ST BART'S CHURCH QUIZ

We will be holding a quiz night on **Saturday 1st March (6.15 for 6.30pm)**, 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)

ANOTHER QUIZ!

If you are unavailable for the St Bart's quiz but still wish to exercise your brain cells our friends at Otford Methodist Church are also holding a quiz. Here are the details:

Our annual Fair Feast Quiz and Pancake evening will take place on Shrove Tuesday, 4th March, starting at 7.30pm. The event is to raise money for All We Can - The Methodist Relief and Development Fund.

Entrance is £10 per person, to be paid on the night, which includes the quiz, hot / soft drinks and delicious freshly made pancakes with a variety of fillings. The winning team will be presented with a selection of Fairtrade goodies. Bookings for teams of 8 people are preferred, although couples/individuals may be able to be accommodated if you don't mind joining in with others in a team. Tables can be booked with Glen Cable at gcable15@icloud.com or by phone 07709 774751. Come along and have some fun while raising money for a good cause!

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*

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

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.

PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE FILLING OF OUR VACANCY

Dear God our Father, we thank and praise you for the appointment of Kelly to be our new Priest in Charge. We thank you that you have answered our prayers and that she has answered your call. We pray for Kelly and Michael as they prepare to leave their home and the Kent Downs and Malling Team, and in their preparations to move into the Vicarage here in Otford. We pray that we will offer them a very warm welcome and together continue to do your work here in this parish. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and your blessings on Kelly and Michael, and on the whole church family. Amen.

READINGS *(numbers show page in pew Bibles of readings being used)*

Sunday Morning: Genesis 2:4b-9 & 15-end; Revelation 4 (pg.1236); Luke 8:22-25 (pg.1037) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: No Service

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

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Alleluya! Sing to Jesus (BBC 189) 2. Let all mortal flesh keep silence (BBC 191); 3. Be still my soul (BBC 286); 4. Angel-voices ever singing (BBC 205)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

No Service

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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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- A Church Near You www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19716/

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And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

KEEPING ORDER



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With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team