

St Bart's News – Sunday 27th April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 27th April	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Morning worship (CW)
Wednesday 30th April	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 4th May	8.00am	Morning Prayer (CW)
	10.00am	All Together Worship
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 24th April	7.45pm	Bell Ringing
Friday 25th April	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 26th April	9.30pm	Vicarage garden working party
Sunday 27th April	8.45am	Prayer Breakfast (Church Centre)
Monday 28th April	2.00pm	CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)
Thursday 1st May	7.45pm	Bell Ringing
Friday 2nd May	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 3rd May		Churchyard Working Party

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 for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

*** CHANGE TO SERVICES***

27th April, 10am will be a service of Morning Worship. There will be a service of communion at 8am for anyone wishing to take communion on this day.

4th May, 8am there will be a service of morning prayer. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find anyone to cover this communion service.

OFFICE OPENING

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW - The Service to Licence Rev. Kelly Parsons as Priest in Charge of Otford will be held on Monday 19th May at 7pm. There will be a maximum of 110 seats available for members of the congregation. **If you would like to attend, please let the Church Office know by Friday 9th May** how many seats you require. The allocation will be on a first come first served basis with numbers per family being restricted should there be a high demand for seats. We will be livestreaming the service for any who are unable to attend. The Church car park will not be available to members the congregation, so please either park along the Sevenoaks Road, or in the Village Car Park.

We ask that you aim to arrive by 6.45pm on Monday 19th in order that the Wardens and Stewards can seat people in a timely manner.

If you require a lift to this service, please let the churchwardens know by the 9th May in order for arrangements to be made in advance.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Shoreham Road; and the work of the Church Mission Society. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Keith Howe, Pam Ubee, David Hubner, Jonathan, David, and Linda, We remember the recently departed and those who mourn their passing. We also remember the family and friends of those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

A NOTE FROM REVD IAN AVESON

Thank you very much for the rose bush which you gave to Judith and me on Easter Day. The variety is Thomas a Becket, so it will always remind us of St Bartholomew's! It has been a pleasure and a privilege to share ministry with you for the last eighteen months or so: I wish you God's blessing for the new chapter in the life of the parish with your new priest, Revd Kelly Parsons.

VICARAGE WORKING PARTY

On Saturday 26th April, 9.30am, we will be having another vicarage garden working party. If you can spare an hour or two, please come and help us tidy up the garden for Kelly and Michael's arrival. Please let the [office](#) know if you can come. Thank you.

SOUP LUNCH

Soup Lunch 12th May. Our coffee time speaker will be Isabelle Mercer Chair of Trustees of Sevenoaks Loaves and Fishes Foodbank. Sign-up sheet in the lobby. Joan

CHINA PLATES

We appear have a selection of unclaimed china plates which we think folk have brought desserts and cakes to various functions on and not taken home. We would like to find owners and homes for these, but if they are not claimed by the end of April we will use them for putting cakes on to sell at the upcoming Pop Up sales. The plates will be on the metal trolley in the Church Centre, so please do come and see if one of them is yours! Many thanks Penny

ANNUAL PAROCIAL CHURCH MEETING - APCM

Sunday 11th May, 11.30am sees our APCM held in the Church following our morning service. Anyone is welcome to the short Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting) to vote in the Churchwardens for the coming year. After this meeting is the APCM. This meeting is open to those on the new electoral roll and therefore are entitled to vote.

These meetings will be followed by lunch in the church centre. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for catering purposes.

SAVE THE DATE - YOUTH WEEKEND 18TH - 20TH JULY 2025

Planning for this is in full swing. If you have young person aged 8 – early 20s we would love to take them away for a weekend of fun food and fellowship. **Total cost £50**. Booking forms available soon. Deposits £15 by the beginning of May, final payments by beginning of June.

We hope to have some subsidised places available. If there are members of the congregation who would like to help in this way, please contact the church office. Any contributions in this respect will be greatly appreciated.

PRAYER BREAKFAST.

Our next Prayer Breakfast is on Sunday 27th April 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 for sending Kelly to lead us and work with us.

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 😊

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.

SALES TABLE

Don't miss out on the card and mini gifts stall in the church centre. **Easter Cards now available.** 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

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 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

Sunday Morning: Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-end (*used at 8.00am/10.00am*)

Evensong: No Service

BCP Communion: 1 Peter 2:19-end; John 10:11-16 (*used on Wednesday morning*)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING (*hymn in italics omitted if there is a choir anthem*)

1. Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven (BBC 101); 2. From heaven you came (BBC 327); 3. *O breath of life* (BBC 159); 4. Jesus lives! Thy terrors now (BBC 108)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

No Service

COLLECT

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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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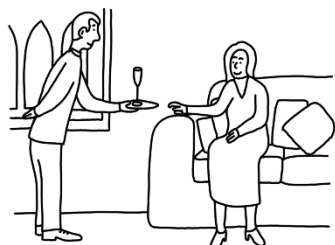
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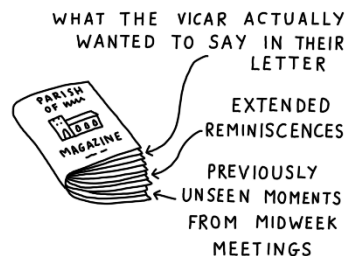
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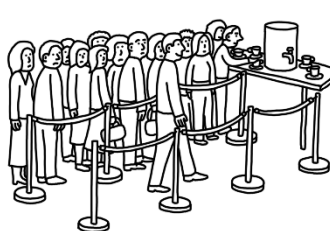
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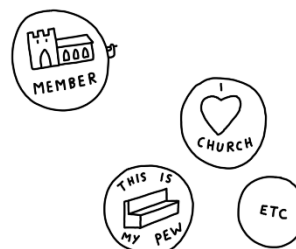
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The Wardens and Ministry Team