

# St Bart's News – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2.00pm	Funeral of Roger Birch
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.00pm	Licensing Service for Revd Kelly Parsons
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)

### DIARY DATES

<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.45pm	Bell Ringing
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10-12.30	Christian Aid Pop-Up (Church Hall)
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2.00pm	CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	7.45pm	Bell Ringing
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	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 for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

### OFFICE OPENING

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

### PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Sidney Gardens and the work of The Children's Society. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Keith Howe, Pam Ubee, David Hubner, David, and Linda, We remember the recently departed, in particular Jean Barsby, and those who mourn her passing. We also remember the family and friends of those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

### LICENSING SERVICE

Just a reminder for those who have booked a place that the licensing service starts at 7pm. We ask that you aim to arrive by 6.45pm in order that the Wardens and Stewards can seat people in a timely manner.

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 will be livestreaming the service for any who are unable to attend.

### CHRISTIAN AID ENVELOPES

These are available in church should you wish to make a donation to the work of Christian Aid. These may be handed to a Churchwarden or to the Church Office

### CHURCHES IN OTFORD CHRISTIAN AID POP-UP

We, with other churches in Otford, are running a pop-up stall with all monies going to Christian Aid, **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10am-12.30pm**. Cakes, bakes and plants will be on sale outside the Church Hall in Otford High Street. At Otford Methodist Church there will be coffee and cake from 10.30am followed by a soup lunch.

We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes and bakes (labelled with ingredients, please), plus any jams, marmalade, curd and chutney. Sorry – no fresh cream or meat products. We will also have a selection of plants available as well. We'd be delighted to accept goods on the day (from 09.30am at the Church Hall) or alternatively, please bring them to Church Centre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Thanks for all your support. 🍰🏠. Look forward to seeing you there!

### OTFORD VILLAGE FETE – 26<sup>th</sup> May

We will be running a cake stall at the fete this year so any contributions to this would be much appreciated. More details to follow.

### PRAYER BREAKFAST.

Our next Prayer Breakfast is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 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.

### SAVE THE DATE - YOUTH WEEKEND 18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### REVD RICHARD HOWLETT

Richard, and his wife Katherine, have supported us over the past two years of our clerical vacancy. Richard is celebrating 30 years as a priest in God's service on 29<sup>th</sup> June. He and Katherine extend a warm invitation to any who would like to join them for a buffet lunch at 1pm at 59 London Road, Riverhead. If you would like to go, please let Clive know in the church office and he can provide more details.

### 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](http://www.sevenoaksfoodbank.co.uk) or at [sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com)

## READINGS

**Sunday Morning:** Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35 (*used at 8.00am/10.00am*)

**Evensong:** Daniel 6:6-23; Mark 15:46-16:8

**BCP Communion:** James 1:22-end; John 16:23-end (*used on Wednesday morning*)

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

1. Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour (BBC 193) 2. Praise to the holiest (BBC 90); 3. *A new commandment* (BBC 355); 4. At the name of Jesus (BBC 118)

## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. At the name of Jesus (NEH 338); 2. Praise to the holiest (NEH 439 omit vv.3 & 4) 3. O Jesus, I have promised (NEH 420); Psalm 115

## COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; 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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#### Social Media

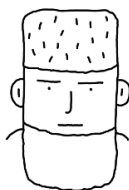
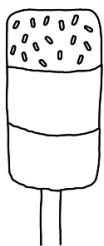
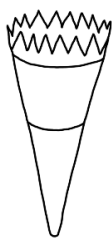
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A Church Near You	<a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19716/">www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19716/</a>

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

And here is a Dave Walker  
cartoon:

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With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team