

St Bart's News – Sunday 8th June 2025

Pentecost

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 8th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	3.00pm	Messy Church
Wednesday 11th June	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	8.00pm	Archdeacon's Visitation (licensing of Church Wardens)
Sunday 15th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 5th June	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Monday 9th June	2.00pm	CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)
Thursday 12th June	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 13th June	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 14th June	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](#).

REST DAY

Revd Kelly's rest day will normally be a Monday. Please bear this in mind when calling or wishing to make appointments with her.

MORNING PRAYER



Revd Kelly will usually say Morning Prayer on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am in church. She would be delighted to welcome anyone, for half an hour, who may wish to join her. If you can, please download for free the Daily Prayer App on your phone or tablet and bring this with you. Revd Kelly will be happy to advise on this. The Daily Prayer App is an excellent resource to use either together at church or by yourself at home. There is a recording of Daily Prayer within the app so you can listen to it on headphones whilst walking the dog, or sitting on the train.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Tudor Drive and the work of Tearfund. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Keith Howe, Pam Ubee, David Hubner, Penny Anderson, David Crawley, and Linda. We remember the recently departed and 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.

THANK YOU

The Fund-raising Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with our pop-up stall at the village fete. It was a great experience and a lovely chance to meet so many people. Your efforts helped raised an amazing gross figure of £1,542.

CHURCH SUMMER FAIR

As you are no doubt aware, this year's Summer Fair will be on the Green on **21st June**, with the broad theme of Summer Holidays. The Fair is a major community engagement opportunity and fundraising event for St Barts so your support is really appreciated. As we get ready for this year's event, please consider if you can help in any way, whether with set up or take down or helping on a stall on the day, please contact Mervyn Harris ([07720 409592](tel:07720409592)) or contact the Church Office.

Fair Programmes - Ahead of the Fair we ask if you can sell programmes in your road to friends and neighbours, the programmes also double as an entry into the Grand draw for 4 tickets for a day out at Hever Castle and Gardens. Please contact Marianne Bradnock on 01959 928455 or email: ambradnock@roundo.net

STALLS - We also ask for donations of any items for the stalls listed below. Your kind contributions are much appreciated and can be passed straight away to the named stallholder listed below or brought to the Church Centre **from Thursday 12/6** (but not before this date please due to Church functions taking place in the centre around this time).

White Elephant - We're looking for contributions of items to sell that are in good order for our White Elephant stall. Donations to the Church Centre **from Thursday 12/6 please.**

Book Stall - Do you have any saleable quality books, paperbacks or hardbacks? Children's books also welcome. Donations to the Church Centre **from Thursday 12/6 please.**

Games & Music - CDs, DVDs, Jigsaws or board games in good condition. Please let us have them we can sell them! Donations to the Church Centre **from Thursday 12/6 please.**

Bottle Tombola - Donations of bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) of all shapes and contents are gratefully requested. Donations to the Church Centre **from Thursday 12/6 please.**

Department Store - The Department Store asks for new or nearly new, unused or hardly used, unwanted gifts, plus jewellery. Please contact Mags Southgate [01959 524720](tel:01959524720) or leave with Clive at the church office.

Plant Stall - Donations of any type of plant are requested, please bring them to the plant stall on the day of the fair. Additionally, we are looking for helpers on the stall, please contact Sue Stephenson on 07775 693610

Cakes - It wouldn't be the fair without lovely cakes and home bakes. All donations gratefully received. Please contact Susan Reid on [01959 523234](tel:01959523234).

Raffle - Finally, if you have an item that would be a suitable addition to our raffle prize table, please contact Cindy Davies 07786 698255.

Gazebos - If you have a Gazebo and are able to lend it for the Fair this would be much appreciated. Please contact Mervyn Harris on 07720409592 or the Church Office.

Thank you in advance for any contributions of your time, talents and/or donations you are able to provide, they are greatly appreciated.

PRAYER BREAKFAST.

Our next Prayer Breakfast is on Sunday 22nd June 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.

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.

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. 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

READINGS

Sunday Morning: Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 [25-27] (*used at 8.00am/10.00am*)

Evensong: No Service

BCP Communion: Acts 2:1-11; John 14:15-end (*used on Wednesday morning*)

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

1. There's a Sprit in the air (BBC 168); 2. Come down O love divine (BBC 161); 3. Sprit of holiness (BBC 167) ; 4. Breathe on my breath of God (BBC 160)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

No Service

COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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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Here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

