

St Bart's News – Sunday 6th July 2025

3rd Sunday after Trinity

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 6 th July	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Sunday Club Celebration
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wednesday 9 th July	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 13 th July	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)

DIARY DATES

Friday 4 th July	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 5 th July	9.00am	Churchyard Working Party
	3.00pm	Wedding
Sunday 6 th July	12.30 for 1pm	Church BBQ (Vicarage Garden)
Monday 7 th July	2.00pm	Cameo bible Study (17 Leonard Ave)
Thursday 10 th July	7.45pm	Bellringing
Friday 11 th July	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 12 th July	11.00am	Wedding Blessing
	6.00pm	EPIC (Church Centre)
Sunday 13 th July	12.00 noon	Baptism

NOTICEBOARD

VICARAGE MUSINGS

Last week was the Celebration of Healing and Wholeness service. It was a beautiful service with many people choosing how to respond to the peace offered by God. Some people choose to respond creatively or to be anointed and others remained still and in prayer. In our Gospel reading we started the journey narrative in Luke and explored how he uses this to unpack the nature of discipleship.

This sense of movement or journeying in Luke continues this week with the sending out of seventy disciples. Jesus said *'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.'*

When reading this you may feel the urgency in Jesus. He knows that this is the last time that He will pass this way and he is urging all those around Him to turn to God. The alternative was to engage in a war. Jesus sends His followers out not with a mission to bring another comfortable religious option to people, they are sent to share God's peace with them. To hold out a last chance to turn away from violence and change, to live in the ways of God.

The passage ends by telling us that the seventy returned to Jesus with joy. We will be thinking about joy in our 10.00 am All Together Worship where we will be celebrating the members of our various Sunday clubs for young people. All Together Worship is a monthly service for all ages and stages of life and faith, all are welcome.

Take care and God bless,
Rev Kelly

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Our **10.00am Sunday service** are livestreamed. You can access them via our YouTube channel [StBarts Otford](#) or [church website](#).

CHURCH OPENING

The church will usually be open between 9am and 6pm. Dogs are welcome in the church except when services are in progress.

REST DAY

Rev 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



Rev 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. Rev Kelly will be happy to advise on this. The office has a couple of tablets it can lend out for morning prayer.

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 Well Road and the work of Pursue. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, David Hubner, Penny Anderson, David and Alison Crawley, Margaret Parry, and Linda. We remember the recently departed, and in particular Keith Howe and Pam Ubee, and those who mourn their passing. We also remember the family and friends of those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

HELP REQUIRED WITH AV

Could you offer help to maintain our live stream provision for those unable to get to church? We are looking for volunteers to help once a month. Full training will be given. Suitable for individuals or a family. Please speak to Rev Kelly, a Churchwarden or Russell.

PARISH BBQ

Sunday 6th July in The Vicarage garden 12.30 for 1.00. To help with catering of sausages and burgers please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to give us an idea of numbers.

Bring your own drinks, glasses and cutlery. If your surname is in the range A - K then please bring a salad. If your surname is in the range L - Z, please bring a dessert.

SOUP LUNCH

Soup Lunch is on Monday 14th July at 12 noon, and we are delighted that Reverend Kelly is our coffee time speaker. There are 40 places of which there are only 12 remaining, so please sign-up soon on the sheet in the lobby if you wish to join.

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, final payments due now.

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.

PLAYED IN OTFORD

On **Saturday 6 September** we're holding an informal event to celebrate and enjoy the musical abilities in our parish. There will be a mixture of solo and group performances, spanning all sorts of music, and we hope it will be a fun evening of fellowship too. If you'd be happy to get involved, we'd love to have you - please contact Mark Holmes (07816 151557)

St Bart's church choir are performing at Played in Otford. This is a great opportunity to come along and sing as part of a church choir. If you would like to get involved please contact the Church Office at office@stbartholomews.co.uk . Rehearsals will be on Friday evenings in August. It would be an advantage to have at least some basic music-reading ability. Come along and sing.

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 😊

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

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday Morning: Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (*used at 8.00am/10.00am*)

Evensong: Genesis 29:1-20; Mark 6:7-29

COLLECT

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

RESOURCES

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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