

Please pray...

- For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, David Hubner, Penny Anderson, David and Alison Crawley, Margaret Parry, and Linda. Also, remember the recently departed and those who mourn.
- For those in our congregation who work in education. For wisdom, patience and creativity and for their witness at work.
- Giving thanks for our PCC members and praying for them as they steward our finances, our buildings and offer leadership.
- Pray for the church of St Peter and the people of Ightham
- Pray for the church of St Mary the Virgin and the people of Kemsing
- For our link dioceses of Harare, Mpwapwa & Kondoa and Estonia.
- For our local mission partners: Loaves and Fishes Foodbank, Sevenoaks Counselling Service, Sevenoaks Area youth Trust



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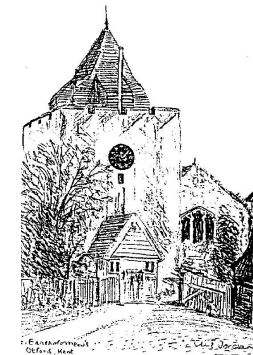
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ST. BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 17th August
9th Sunday after Trinity

We are a Church of England parish church situated in the rural village of Otford. We are part of the Shoreham Deanery in Kent and part of the Diocese of Rochester

We love being a village church and are intentional about serving our community and demonstrating the love of Jesus, lived out in our lives. This is reflected in our community engagement. The church is open every day for private prayer and the opportunity to light a candle.

We run a 'warm welcome' on a Friday afternoon where we contemplate life over a jigsaw or two, there are several flourishing Home groups, CAMEO for our older residents and First Steps for the little ones, run in partnership with the Methodist Church. Our Youth Groups EPIC and YPF meet regularly and the Annual Youth weekend away is a highlight in the Church calendar.

We welcome people of all ages and stages of life and faith.

THIS WEEK...

Sunday 17th August 2025

9th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am: **Holy Communion** with Revd Kelly
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

10.00am: **Morning Worship** with Revd Kelly & Mags
Southgate
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

6.30pm: **Evensong** with Revd Kelly
Isaiah 28:9-22; Matthew 20:1-16

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

NEXT WEEK...

Sunday 24th August 2025

St Bartholomew
10th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am: **Holy Communion** with Revd Kelly
Isaiah 43:8-13; Luke 22:24-30

10.00am: **Morning Worship** with Revd Kelly & Dawn
Hallam
Isaiah 43:8-13; Luke 22:24-30

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 18th August - Vicar's rest day
2pm CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)

Tuesday 19th August

9am Morning Prayer
12pm Interment of Ashes

Wednesday 20th August

10am Holy Communion (BCP)
6pm Youth Band

Thursday 21st August

9am Morning Prayer
7.45pm Bellringing practice

Friday 22nd August

10am Wedding rehearsal
2pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
8pm Choir Practice

Saturday 23rd August

1pm Wedding

PLAYED IN OTFORD

On **Saturday 6th 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. Tickets £8 (U16 £5) available via events@stbartholomews.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 24th August - St Bartholomew's Day
8.45am Prayer Breakfast: we will be joined by Rick from Hospices of Hope who will top and tail our prayer time and also lead our intercessions at 10am. Harri and Rich Bell (Pursue) will also be joining us at our 10am service to share with us the current work of Pursue

Monday 25th August - Village BBQ We will be doing teas at this event. If you could spare some time to set up (10am), work on the stall (12-4), or pack down (4pm) your time would be appreciated. Also, we will need cakes to sell with the tea. If you can help in any way please sign the list at the back of church or let the office know. Tickets available from church office

Sunday 31st August 10am - Café Church (Centre)

Please join us for this **informal** service of worship. Together we will be discovering What is Welcome.

Sunday 7th September - Back to School Service.

If you are at school, university, a teacher or lecturer please come to this service with your school bag, back pack, briefcase so we can bless it and you as you begin a new academic year.

Saturday 13th September - The annual Ride & Stride in

aid of Friends of Kent Churches is on Saturday 13 September. The Holmes family are planning to walk 10 miles between 22 churches in Tunbridge Wells. Half of the money they raise comes to St. Bart's.

A sponsorship form will be at church, or you can sponsor them online at www.justgiving.com/page/holmes-stride-2025

We are also looking for people to welcome riders and striders at St Bart's. If you can offer an hour between 10am and 6pm please contact the office.

Sunday 21st September - Messy Church

is at 3pm. Lots of things to make and do, followed by informal worship and a tea.

The Bible Course (Bible Society) - We will be running this course on Wednesdays from 17th September at 12.30 (soup provided) in the church centre. This will be repeated on Zoom on Thursday evenings, 8-9pm, from 18th September.

Contact Revd Kelly, vicar@stbartholomews.co.uk for more information and to sign up.