

## 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, Joan Beacom. Also, remember the recently departed, Jane Thompson and Sheila Butler, Linda. and those who mourn them.
- For those in our congregation who work in manufacturing and industry. For economic favour, creativity and their witness at work.
- Giving thanks for our Children's Workers and praying for them as they seek to nurture our children and young people.
- Pray for the Parish Church of Plaxtol and the people of Plaxtol
- Pray for the church of St Giles and the people of Shipbourne
- For our national mission partners: Children's Society, Christians Against Poverty, Tear Fund.
- For our link dioceses of Harare, Mpwapwa & Kondoia and Estonia.



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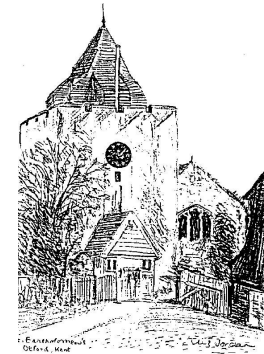
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## ST. BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 7th September

12th 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 7th September 2025

12th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am: **Holy Communion** with Revd Kelly  
Philemon 1–21; Luke 14.25–33

10.00am: **All Together Worship** with Revd Kelly  
Psalm 139

6.30pm **Evensong** with Margaret Lidbetter  
Isaiah 43.14 - 44.5; John 5.30–end

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## NEXT WEEK...

### Sunday 14th September 2025

13th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am: **Morning Prayer** with Mags Southgate  
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

10.00am: **Morning Worship** with Dawn Hallam  
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

**Sunday 21st September - Messy Church** is at 3pm.  
Lots of things to make and do, followed by informal  
worship and a tea.

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday 8th September

2pm Cameo

### Tuesday 9th September

9am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 10th September

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

### Thursday 11th September

9am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Ministry Team

7.45pm Bellringing practice

### Friday 12th September

2pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)

8pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 14th September

6pm Ride and Stride

6pm EPIC

## PLAYED IN OTFORD

This coming 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. Entrance £8 (U16 £5) available via [events@stbartholomews.co.uk](mailto:events@stbartholomews.co.uk) or sign up at church.

### Sunday 7th September - Back to School

**Service.** If you are at school, (student or teacher) come to this service with your school bag, back pack, 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. Please sponsor the Holmes family. 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](http://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.**

### Box Tail Soup presents The Princess and the Frog.

Sunday 14th September. Tickets £7 adult £5 child (including workshop) £2 for workshop only

3-4pm puppet making workshop

6pm tea/coffee/squash

6.30pm performance

Book now at [events@stbartholomews.co.uk](mailto:events@stbartholomews.co.uk) or sign up at church.

### Save the Date 27th September.

Taster day at Church. Come and have a go at the many different ways you can get involved at St Barts. More details to follow.

## THIS AUTUMN ST BARTS ARE RUNNING THE BIBLE COURSE, NEW EDITION

This is an exciting course that will help us to discover how Bible characters, stories and themes are connected, from Genesis to Revelation and build confidence in reading and talking about the Bible. Each session will include discussion, questions and short films including real-life stories of faith. There is a guidebook (£9.99), digital hub and a daily reading plan all designed to help us explore God's big story.

#### In Person

**Venue:** The Church Centre

**Time:** 12.30 (soup lunch) 1.00-2.00pm (session)

**Dates:** September 17th (for 8 weeks)

#### Zoom

**Time:** 8.00-9.00pm

**Dates:** September 18th (for 8 weeks)

For further information, to sign up or order a book please contact

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