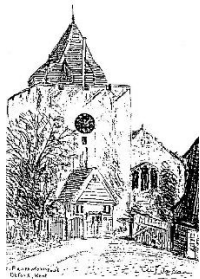


ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 19th October

18th 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 Homegroups, 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 19th October 2025

18th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion:** *Rev Kelly*
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
- 10.00am Morning Worship:** *Margaret Lidbetter*
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
- 6.30pm Evensong:** *Margaret Lidbetter*
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK...

Sunday 26th October 2025

Bible Sunday - Last Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion:** *Rev Kelly*
Romans 15:1-6; Luke 4:16-24
- 10.00am Holy Communion:** *Rev Kelly*
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THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 20th October

2.00pm Cameo (17 Leonard Ave)

Tuesday 21st October

9.00am No Morning Prayer

Wednesday 22nd October

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

12.30pm The Bible Course

8.00pm The Bible Course (zoom)

Thursday 23rd October

9.00am No Morning Prayer

7.45pm Bellringing practice

8.00pm Deanery Synod (St Bart's)

Friday 24th October

2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)

8.00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 26th October

8.45am Prayer Breakfast

12 noon Baptism of Felicity

Annual Memorial Service

Saturday 1st November, 5.00pm. There will be a special service to remember those who have died.

Everyone is welcome to come and to remember a loved one; no matter how long ago they died or where the funeral originally took place.

Email office@stbartholomews.co.uk if you wish to come to the service or add your loved one's name to the Roll of Honour which will be read aloud in the act of remembrance.

Church Clock

You may have noticed that the church clock has been running slow recently. In the next couple of weeks the mechanism will be sent away for repair and servicing to solve the issue.

Christmas Market

With the Christmas Market fast approaching, the Cards and Wrapping Stall is asking for donations of new, unused Christmas cards and gift tags only at the present time. As the Christmas cards need to be sorted and repackaged, it would be very helpful if card donations could be received by **Friday 7th Nov** in the Church Centre porch. A further plea for wrapping paper, gift bags, bows and ribbon will be sent out towards the end of October. Thank you.

Christmas Pudding Workshop

We will be holding this popular event again this year (1st Nov). There are 25 spaces available so book up quickly. Please use the following link to book; [Booking](#)

The cost of the workshop is £12.50 payable on the day (cash or card). All ingredients are supplied. Tea and cake will be provided whilst the fruit is soaking.

If you do not have access to online booking, please contact Clive in the office and he will make the booking for you.

Christmas Tree Festival

We are holding this on 5th-7th December and invite members of the congregations to take part. There are fliers in the lobby with details and also on our St Bart's Newsletter. If you would like to provide a decorated artificial tree please let us know by emailing events@stbartholomews.co.uk by **7th November** or by contacting the church office

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, Raymond Darby, Barbara Calder and Jeanette. Also, we remember the recently departed, Freda Whitbread, and those whose anniversary of their death falls at this time.
- For those in our congregation who are retired. For a sense of vocation and purpose, rest and family and life, and their witness to Christ.
- Giving thanks for our Area Dean, Archdeacons and Bishops and for God's blessing on their ministry and family life.
- Pray for the church of the Holy Innocents and the people of Fairseat
- Pray for the church of St Peter and St Paul and the people of Farningham
- For our national mission partners: Children's Society, Christians Against Poverty, Tear Fund.
- Remember our local schools. In particular this week we pray for the pupils and staff of Russell House School.
- For our link dioceses of Harare, Mpwapwa & Kondoa and Estonia.

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