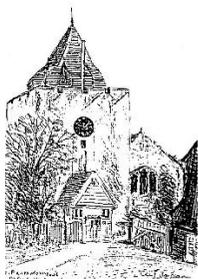


# ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

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 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

**8.00am BCP Holy Communion:** *Rev Kelly and Dawn Hallam*  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

**8.45am** Prayer Breakfast

**10.00am Holy Communion** *Rev Kelly and Dawn Hallam*  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## NEXT WEEK...

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**8.00am Holy Communion:** *Rev Kelly*  
Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

**10.00am All Together Worship** *Dawn Hallm and Mags Southgate*  
Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

**6.30pm Evensong:** *Rev Kelly*  
Numbers 21:4-9; Luke 14:27-33

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

2.00pm Cameo (17 Leonard Ave)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

9.00am **NO** Morning Prayer

8.00pm Lent Course – Gravity Defied (Vicarage)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.30am Lent Course – Draw Near (Church Centre)

8.00pm Lent Course – Gravity Defied (Zoom)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.45pm Bell ringing Practice

9.00pm Bell Ringers AGM

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)

8.00pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30am Safeguarding Training

### An apology from Revd Kelly

On Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February I made the announcement that I had told Joan Beacom to step down from her role as Churchwarden. I made this decision because, due to ill health, she had not completed the Safeguarding Leadership training. Her health issues had also impacted on her duties as Churchwarden.

I have since learnt that as a bishop's officer this decision was not within my power and I should have been raising my concerns to Bishop Jonathan.

I want to apologise for the mistake that I made and more importantly for the hurt and humiliation that I have caused to Joan – for that I am truly sorry and it was never my intention to hurt her.

Joan will remain as Churchwarden until the APCM in April where she has agreed the time is right to step down.

I want to thank her for all hard work and commitment to St Barts especially during the long vacancy.

### APCM

**Save the Date...**Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am. Please do your best to attend if possible. It would be good to have all parts of our church represented. The meeting will be followed by lunch in the church centre. There will be a sign-up list for lunch nearer the time.

### Safeguarding Training

Next Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, is our in person Safeguarding Basic Awareness session at 9.30am. We will begin the session with coffee and pastries. We would really encourage everyone who hasn't done so to come and complete this course. Churches and church goers are often seen as safe places and safe people so having the tools to recognise potential need is really important. The session details

### Easter Cards

There are Easter cards available on the card table in the church centre. Please have a look as you pass by on the way to coffee, or call in to have a look when the office is open.

### Old Newspapers

Please let us have old newspapers for a Lenten project. They may be left at church until further notice. Thank you

## Please pray...

- For all in need of our prayers at this time: Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, David Hubner, David and Alison Crawley, Margaret Parry, Pat, Raymond Darby, Barbara Calder, Jane Lawrey, Maureen Reynolds, Marion Bourke, Betty Cannings, Holly and Jeanette. Also, we remember the recently departed, and those whose anniversary of death fall at this time.
- In our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents of Rowdow
- For those in our congregation who work in education. For wisdom, patience and creativity and for their witness at work.
- Giving thanks for our Flower Arrangers and all they do to enhance our worship and the beauty of this church.
- Pray for the church of St Mary and the people of Stansted
- Pray for our schools and nurserys. In particular this week the pupils and teachers at Little Treacles Nursery
- 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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