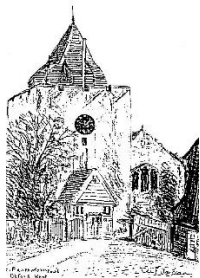


ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 1st March

2nd 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 1st March 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

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

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

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NEXT WEEK...

Sunday 8th March 3rd Sunday in Lent

8.00am BCP Holy Communion: *Rev Kelly*
Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42

10.00am Holy Communion *Rev Kelly*
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THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 2nd March

2.00pm Cameo (17 Leonard Ave)

Tuesday 3rd March

9.00am NO Morning Prayer

8.00pm Lent Course – Gravity Defied (Vicarage)

Wednesday 4th March

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.30am Lent Course – Draw Near (Church Centre)

8.00pm Lent Course – Gravity Defied (Zoom)

Thursday 5th March

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.45pm Bell ringing Practice

Friday 6th March

2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)

8.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 7th March

9.00am Churchyard Working Party

Sunday 8th March

6.30pm YPF

World Day of Prayer

You are invited to join Otford Churches for the World Day of Prayer service. The service will be at St Bart's on Friday 6th March at 2pm, and has been prepared by the Christian Women of Nigeria. The service will be followed by refreshments.

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.

APCM

Save the Date...Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 19th 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.

Old Newspapers

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

Big Church Festival - 28th to 30th August 2026 Wiston Estate, near Worthing

Join us, and 35,000 other Christians, at BCF this summer. Each day there are many different music venues and the variety of music is so wide there is something for everyone. On site there are loads of other activities to do from fairground rides to clay-pigeon shooting, football in a cage to art and craft activities. Some of us are planning to camp but you do not need to as the site is only one hour away. This really is the most amazing experience: worshipping God with so many people is incredible. Talk to Mags if you are interested or visit the website: <https://bigchurchfestival.com/> The more of us who go the cheaper it is.

Children's Society Boxes

It's that time of year again. If you have a Children's Society box please could you bring it to the Church Office for emptying - it really doesn't matter how full or empty it is as every little helps! Many thanks

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 Rye Lane
- For those in our congregation who work in agriculture. For favour with the weather and customers, and for their witness at work.
- Giving thanks for our Sidespersons and for all they do to welcome and support us all in worship.
- Pray for the church of Vigo Hall and the people of Vigo
- Pray for our schools and nurseries. In particular this week the pupils and teachers at Russell House School
- For our local mission partners: Loaves and Fishes Foodbank, Sevenoaks Counselling Service, Sevenoaks Area youth Trust
- For our link dioceses of Harare, Mpwapwa & Kondoia and Estonia.

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