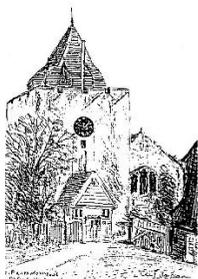


# ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



## Sunday 8th March

### 3rd 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 8<sup>th</sup> March

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

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#### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he  
suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life 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

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## NEXT WEEK...

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Mothering Sunday

**8.00am Holy Communion:** *Rev Anne Bourne*  
Colossians 3:12-17; John 19:25b-27

**10.00am Morning Worship** *Dawn Hallam and Mags Southgate*  
Colossians 3:12-17; John 19:25b-27

**6.30pm Evensong:** *Margaret Lidbetter*  
Micah 7; James 5

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

2.00pm Cameo (17 Leonard Ave)

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Lent Course – Gravity Defied (Vicarage)

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.30am Lent Course – Draw Near (Church Centre)

8.00pm Lent Course – Gravity Defied (Zoom)

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.00pm Interment of Ashes

7.45pm Bell ringing Practice

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)

8.00pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

6.00pm EPIC (Church Centre)

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

6.30pm YPF

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#### Annual Leave

Revd Kelly will be on annual leave from 12-16<sup>th</sup> March. If there are issues of an urgent pastoral nature please call or email the church office on 01959 523185

[office@stbartholomews.co.uk](mailto:office@stbartholomews.co.uk)

#### 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.

### Soup Lunch

The next Soup Lunch will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00pm in the church centre. Our coffee time speaker will be Rick Woodward from Hospices of Hope. There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby if you would like to come, or you can contact the church office.

### 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

### SAVE THE DATES...

**APCM** - 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.

**Church Fair** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June is our annual church fair. Put the date in your diary now

### 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.

### Please pray...

- For all in need of our prayers at this time: Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, David Hubner, 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 Ryecroft Road
- For those in our congregation who work in retail. For creativity, servant-heartedness, economic favour and for their witness at work.
- Giving thanks for Heather and those who handles our church finances and praying we may all be generous stewards of what we have.
- Pray for the church of St Mary and the people of Woodlands
- Pray for our schools and nurseries. In particular this week the pupils and teachers at St Michael's School
- For our overseas mission partners: Pursue (Harri and Rich Bell), Church Mission Society, Bible Society, Christian Aid, Hospices of Hope
- For our link dioceses of Harare, Mpwapwa & Kondoa and Estonia.

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