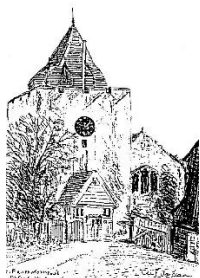


ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday

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 29th March Palm Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion: *Rev Kelly*
Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11

11.00am Palm Sunday Service on The Green

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience
and humility, and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
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

NEXT WEEK...

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

6.00am Dawn Service with Holy Communion:
Rev Kelly
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

10.00am Holy Communion *Rev Kelly and
Mags Southgate*
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

6.30pm Evensong
Song of Solomon 3:2-5 & 8:6-7
Revelation 1:12-18

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 30th March
2.00pm Cameo (17 Leonard Ave)

Tuesday 31st March
9.00am No Morning Prayer

Wednesday 1st April
9.00am First Steps. 10am Easter Service
10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
1.30pm Otford Primary School – Easter Crafts

Thursday 2nd April
9.00am No Morning Prayer
7.45pm Bell ringing Practice
8.00pm Maundy Thursday Service at OMC

Friday 3rd April
10.00am Good Friday Messy Church
2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
2.00pm Last hour at the cross service

Saturday 4th April
9.00am Churchyard Working Party
10.30am Easter Flower arranging

Easter Services

There are quite a few services over the Easter period. Keep an eye on the Pews News to make sure you don't miss anything.

Church Spring Cleaning

If you could spare an hour or so between 9am and 12pm on **Saturday 28th March** to help spring clean the church you would be most welcome. Please bring your own equipment. Many hands make light work!

Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please either leave your donation in a sealed envelope at the office or make a donation direct to the church bank account with the reference Easter Flowers.

Pop-Up

The first of our pop-up stalls in on Easter Monday 6th April, 10am-12pm. If you can offer help with set-up, pack-down, or provide cakes with listed ingredients, plants or jigsaws to sell please let us know.

Urgent Plant Pot Call Out

If you have any small plant pots you could donate for potting on, please can you bring them to the church centre. Many thanks

Pet Blessing Service

On Trinity Sunday, **31st May at 10am**, we will be holding our first ever Pet Blessing service on The Green. This service is for all whether you have a pet or not. We would love to welcome you and welcome your pets too.

APCM

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. Please sign up in the lobby.

Church Fair

Saturday 20th June is our annual church fair. Put the date in your diary now

Post Easter Break

Revd Kelly will be taking her post Easter break from 6th-11th April inclusive. Any urgent pastoral matters should be directed to the church office 01959 523185 or office@stbartholomews.co.uk

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 Canning 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 Sevenoaks Road.
- For those in our congregation who work with the police or courts. For strength, for justice to be done and for their witness to Christ at work.
- 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 Good Shepherd and the people of Borough Green.
- Pray for our schools and nurseries. In particular this week the pupils and teachers at russell House 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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