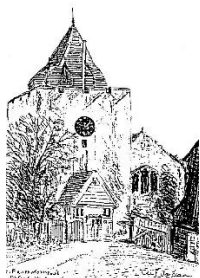


ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 12th April

2nd Sunday of Easter

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 12th April
2nd Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion:** *Rev Kelly and Mags Southgate*
Acts 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-end
- 10.00am Holy Communion** *Rev Kelly and Mags*
Acts 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-end

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and
wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness
of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 19th April
3rd Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion:** *Rev Kelly and Margaret Lidbetter*
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35
- 10.00am Morning Worship** *Rev Kelly and Margaret Lidbetter*
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35
- 6.30pm Evensong** *Rev Kelly*
Haggai 1:13-2:9; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Tuesday 14th April

9.00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 15th April

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 16th April

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.45pm Bell ringing Practice

Friday 17th April

2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)

8.00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 19th April

11.30am APCM and lunch

6.30pm YPF

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.

Pop-Up

Many thanks to all who supported our pop-up stall last Monday, whether you baked caked, grew plants provided jigsaws or came along to buy something. It was a very happy occasion with excellent weather. Over £560 was raised through your generosity.

Church Fair

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

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.

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

Join us, and 35,000 other Christians, at BCF. 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 Talk to Mags if you are interested We have set up a group booking at <https://bigchurch.group/2026/sbo26>

Everyday Faith

Have you tried using the Everyday Faith app from The Church of England? Many people have found the app helpful during Lent whilst using the Draw Near Lent course. The app gives a short reading, a reflection on the reading, a guided response and a prayer. You can read this yourself or the app gives you the option to listen to someone else reading it to you. There is often music to help you focus on what God might be saying to you. Why not give it a try.

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 Sidney Gardens.
- For those in our congregation who work in financial services. For good stewardship, rebuilding of trust in our economy, and witness.
- Giving thanks for our PCC members and praying for them as they steward our finances, our buildings and offer leadership.
- Pray for the church of the Holy Innocents and the people of Fairseat
- Pray for our schools and nurseries. In particular this week the pupils and teachers at Trinity 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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