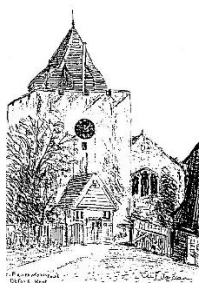


ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 12th July

6th Sunday after Trinity

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...

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8.00am BCP Holy Communion: *Rev Kelly and Mags*
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

10.00am Holy Communion *Rev Kelly & Mags*
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 19th July
7th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion: *Rev Kelly & Pursue*
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

10.00am Morning Worship: *Dawn & Pursue*
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

6.30pm Evensong: *Rev Kelly*
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 13th July

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Vicar drop in (Church Centre)
12.00pm Soup Lunch
2.00pm Cameo (please contact Margaret Lidbetter)
5.30pm Compline

Tuesday 14th July

Vicar's Rest Day
7.30pm Church Fair Committee

Wednesday 15th July

9.00am First Steps Service and Picnic (Vicarage)
10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
7.30pm Mission, Outreach and Growth

Thursday 16th July

9.00am Morning Prayer
12.00pm Funeral (Marian Wills)

Friday 17th July

2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
8.00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 19th July

6.30pm YPF

Soup Lunch 13th July, 12 noon

Please join us for our next Soup Lunch. Our coffee time speaker will Rev Glenn Walsh, from Vine Evangelical Church, speaking about prison visiting. There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby should you wish to come.

Coffee Rota

The new coffee rota is up. If you could help with coffee after our 10am service please sign up or talk to someone already on the rota for more details.

Quiz

Pursue, one of our mission partners, will be holding a quiz night at St Bart's on 30th July at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 to include delicious snacks. A paying bar is available. Tickets are available from pursue-kenya.org/quiz. Harri and Rich Bell would love to see you there.

Church Flowers

Flowers in church help to celebrate festivals and add to our weekly prayers and praise. We are looking for more volunteers to help with putting some vases of flowers on the high altar and lady chapel each week. These don't need to be elaborate or 'arranged' particularly and can be greenery with garden flowers or some bought from our local florist Denise. We aim to have flowers on the altars every week of the year except in Lent and Advent.

Should you wish to join us to put flowers into an arrangement for a festival such as Christmas, Easter or Harvest you would also be very welcome. We usually try to get together to work as a team with some experienced flower arrangers and some less so.

If you would like to volunteer, even if you have not had any experience of church flower arranging then do come and join us.

Please contact me, Ros Gulliver by phone 07846776404 or by email rosgulliver@gmail.com or find me in church. Whenever the choir is singing I am usually there.

With thanks, Ros

Please pray...

- For all in need of our prayers at this time: Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, David Hubner, Margaret Parry, Pat, Raymond Darby, Jo-Jo, Barbara Calder, Jane Lawrey, Maureen Reynolds, Marion Bourke, Betty Canning, Jeanette and Jo. Also, we remember the recently departed, Marian Wills and Georgie Wall; and all those who mourn, and remember with thanksgiving those whose anniversary of death fall at this time.
- In our cycle of prayer, we pray for those who live in Becketts Place
- For those in our congregation who work in communications and media. For their flourishing and a sense of God's voice in their work.
- Give thanks for those who prepare the church for worship each week.
- Pray for the church of St Mary and the people of Stansted
- Pray for our schools and nurseries. In particular this week the pupils and teachers at Otford Primary School
- 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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