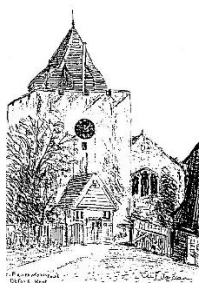


ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 16th August

11th 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...

Sunday 16th July
11th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion:** *Rev Kelly*
Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Matthew 15:21-28
- 10.00am Morning Worship:** *Rev Kelly and Margaret*
Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Matthew 15:21-28
- 6.30pm Evensong:** *Rev Kelly*
Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Matthew 15:21-28

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 23rd August
St Bartholomew

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion:** *Rev Kelly*
Isaiah 43:8-13; Luke 22:24-30
- 10.00am Holy Communion** *Rev Kelly*
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THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 17th August

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

Tuesday 18th August

Vicar's Rest Day
Holiday Bible Club starts (OMC) to 21st Aug

Wednesday 19th August

- 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 20th August

- 9.00am No Morning Prayer
7.45pm Bell Ringing

Friday 21st August

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

Saturday 22nd August

- 10.00 Ministry Team Meeting

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.

Message from Pursue

We wanted to say a huge thank-you for enabling us to host the Quiz Night last night. We are still calculating final totals, but it looks like we raised approximately £800 for Pursue! We are so grateful for the use of the hall, the assistance with set up and set down, and for so many of the congregation coming along to support us. We hope you all enjoyed it!

Holiday Club

If you're between 5 & 11 years old join us for the Cops and Robbers holiday club at the Methodist Church. Scan the code for details.



Ride and Stride

Hello everyone! It's the annual Ride & Stride for Friends of Kent Churches on **Saturday 12 September**. We are planning to repeat our walk from last year to 22 churches in & around Tunbridge Wells. Would anyone like to join us for all or part of it? No need to do the full 10 miles: the route makes it easy to join for just part of the way. And we stop for a civilised café lunch!

We'd also be glad of any volunteers to welcome walkers and cyclists at St Bart's that day, between 10 and 4: so please contact Clive in the office at (office@stbartholomews.co.uk) if you'd be able to help for an hour or two. It's much more of a community event when there are friendly faces and biscuits at some churches!

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, Jo-Jo, Barbara Calder, Jane Lawrey, Maureen Reynolds, Marion Bourke, Betty Canning, Jeanette and Jo. Also, we remember the recently departed: Jonathon Coulson; 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 Colets Orchard
- For those in our congregation who go to school. For enthusiasm in their studies, good friendships and a faithful witness to Jesus.
- Give thanks for Heather and those who handle our church finances and praying we may all be generous stewards of what we have.
- Pray for the church of The Good Shepherd and the people of Borough Green.
- Pray for our schools and nurseries. In particular this week we pray for all teachers as they take time away from their busy jobs.
- 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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