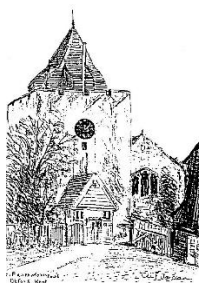


ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 20th September

16th 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 20th September

16th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion: *Rev Adie McCall and Mags Southgate*
Exodus 16.9-26; John 6.1-4

10.00am Morning Worship *Mags Southgate*
Exodus 16.9-26; John 6.1-4

3.00pm Messy Church

6.30pm Evensong: *Margaret Lidbetter*
Exodus 16.9-26; John 6.1-4

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 27th September

17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion: *Rev Adie McCall & Mags*
Exodus 32.1-20; Matthew 6.19-24

8.45am Prayer Breakfast

10.00am Holy Communion: *Rev Adie McCall & Mags*
Exodus 32.1-20; Matthew 6.19-24

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 21st September

No Morning Prayer

2.00pm Cameo (contact Margaret Lidbetter)

Wednesday 23rd September

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 24th September

No Morning Prayer

Friday 25th September

2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)

8.00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 27th September

8.45am Prayer Breakfast

6.00pm YPF

Annual Leave

Rev Kelly will be on annual leave over the coming couple of weeks. If there is something of an urgent pastoral nature you would like to discuss, please contact the church office on 01959 523185 or at office@stbartholomews.co.uk or a Churchwarden at mh@stbartholomews.co.uk (Mark Holmes or jh@stbartholomews.co.uk (Janet Hunt)

Stewardship

As part of our stewardship campaign In September, we will be exploring a sermon series called 'Giving in Grace'. The Sermon series will run for five weeks finishing on October 4th with a special All Together Worship for Harvest, where we will give thanks and celebrate God's presence in our lives and the world. The sermon series uses readings from Exodus to focus on the joyful experience of giving in response to God's call. We look forward to learning and worshipping together using this creative resource.

The Prayer Course

The Prayer Course is an eight-session journey, designed to help individuals and groups grow and deepen their prayer life. Join us as we explore prayer together in a warm, welcoming space. The first four sessions will be delivered each Wednesday in October. Each session will start at 11.30 and finish at 12.30 when you can stay for a soup lunch. The following four sessions will be delivered in the New Year. Come for one session or the whole series. Use the sign-up sheet in the porch or email Rev Kelly for more information.

Harvest Quiz

Please start gathering your team for the Harvest Quiz. This will be in Saturday 26th September in the Church Centre from 6.30pm with the first question at 6.45pm. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and snacks. A hot meal will be provided. Suggested donation of £15 per person. To book spaces please contact events@stbartholomews.co.uk or sign up on the sheet in the church lobby.

Confirmation Service

Have you, or are you, thinking about getting confirmed. We have a confirmation service at St Bart's this year on Sunday 15th November. Please talk to Rev Kelly if you would like to explore the possibility of confirmation and what it involves.

Cards

There are 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.

Coffee Rota

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

Please pray...

- For all in need of our prayers at this time: Mary Brackett, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, David Hubner, Margaret Parry, Pat, Raymond Darby, Jo-Jo, Barbara Calder, Jane Lawrey, Maureen Reynolds, Marion Bourke, Betty Canning, Jeanette, Jo, and Richard. Also, we remember the Pattenden family in their bereavement. Also, the families of Patrick Reynolds, Duncan Hussey, 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 Flowerfield
- For those in our congregation who work in manufacturing and industry. For economic favour, creativity and their witness at work.
- Give thanks for our PCC members and praying for them as they steward our finances, our buildings and offer leadership.
- Pray for the church of St Mary the Virgin and the people of Kemsing
- Pray for our schools and nurseries. In particular this week we pray for 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, Mpwapa & Kondoia and Estonia.

Contact us...

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