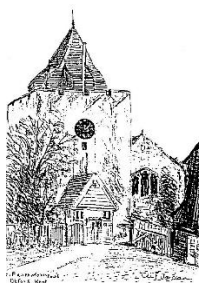


ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 11th October

19th 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 11th October
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8.00am BCP Holy Communion: *Rev Kelly*
Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

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Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NEXT WEEK...

Sunday 18th October
20th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion: *Revd Kelly*
1 Thessalonians 1:1-11; Matthew 22:15-22

10.00am Morning Worship: *Dawn Hallam*
1 Thessalonians 1:1-11; Matthew 22:15-22

6.30pm Evensong: *Revd Kelly*
1 Thessalonians 1:1-11; Matthew 22:15-22

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 12th October

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Vicar drop in (Church Centre)
2.00pm Cameo (contact Margaret Lidbetter)
5.30pm Compline
7.30pm Cornerstone (Church Centre)

Tuesday 13th October

Revd Kelly's Rest Day

Wednesday 14th October

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.30am The Prayer Course

Thursday 15th October

9.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 16th October

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

Sunday 18th October

6.00pm YPF
12.30pm Baptism

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.

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.

Ride and Stride – THANK YOU

A massive thank you to all who took part in the ride and Stride; those who welcomed, those who sponsored and the who did the hard work of striding. We are pleased to say that a total in the region of **£2900** was raised - a record for St Bart's. Half of the money goes to The Friends of Kent Churches and the other half comes back to St Bart's. Thank you everyone.

Christmas Pudding Workshop

This will be on Sat 7th Nov at 2pm. Spaces are limited so get your tickets early via this link or sign the list in the lobby

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NjA1OS0z/t>

Christmas Market

Please put the date of the Christmas Market in your diary, **Saturday 21st November**. We are looking for helpers on the day and for help in the days before to set up, and also to pack down on the Saturday afternoon. Please contact Janet Hunt if you can offer any help jh@stbartholomews.co.uk.

With the Christmas Market fast approaching, the **Cards and Wrapping Stall** is asking for donations of new, unused Christmas cards and gift tags only at the present time. As the Christmas cards need to be sorted and repackaged, it would be very helpful if card donations could be received by **Friday 13th November**. There will be a box in the entrance to the Church Centre for the cards. A further plea for wrapping paper, gift bags, bows and ribbon will be sent out at the beginning of November. Thank you.

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 and Jo. Also, we remember the Pattenden family in their bereavement, and the family of Sheila Bennett, 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 Greenhill Road
- 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 our Children's Workers and praying for them as they seek to nurture our children and young people.
- Pray for the church of St Bartholomew and the people of Otford
- Pray for our schools and nurseries. In particular this week we pray for Otford Primary 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, Mwapwa & Kondoa and Estonia.

Contact us...

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