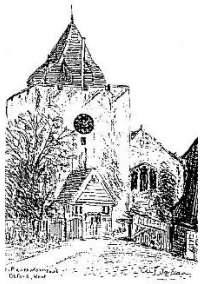
ST BART'S PEWS NEWS



Sunday 22nd November

3rd Sunday before Advent

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 22nd November
Christ the King

8.00am **BCP Holy Communion:** *Revd Kelly*
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25:31-end

8.45am **Prayer Breakfast**

10.00am **Holy Communion:** *Revd Kelly*
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25:31-end

3.00pm **Messy Church**

Collect
Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK...

Sunday 29th November
Advent Sunday

8.00am **BCP Holy Communion:** *Revd Kelly*
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:14-end

10.00am **Café Church** (Church Centre): Rev Kelly
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:14-end

6.30pm **Advent Carol Service**

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 23rd November
9.00am Morning Prayer
2.00pm Cameo (contact Margaret Lidbetter)
5.30pm Compline

Tuesday 24th November
Revd Kelly's Rest Day

Wednesday 25th November
10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.30am Advent Course (Church Centre)
8.00pm Advent Course (Vicarage and on Zoom)

Thursday 26th November
Rev Kelly out of parish

Friday 27th November
Rev Kelly out of parish
2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
8.00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 29th November
6.00pm YPF

Advent Finding Hope

A four-week Bible study and discussion course based on the Advent daily reflections by Revd Jess Bellshaw. It starts this coming Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm followed by a soup lunch; and in the evening 8.00pm-9.00pm in person at the Vicarage or on Zoom. Those attending the course will receive and email with details and also the Zoom link.

Christmas Market

Please support us at our Christmas Market this **Saturday, 21st November 10am-2.00pm**. It's not too late to offer to help, even for just an hour to relieve someone else. Any offer or enquires to Janet Hunt at jh@stbartholomews.co.uk or to the office at office@stbartholomews.co.uk

Christmas Tree Festival

Activity is ramping up on this year's Christmas tree festival taking place on 4th-6th December 2026. If you are interested in having a tree for your family in the festival, please email events@stbartholomews.co.uk to book your slot. Places are going fast, so don't delay!

St Bart's Church, Otford
Children's & Youth Weekend
Save the Date !

9th - 11th July 2027

If you are in school year 5 or upwards come and join us for the whole weekend ! Children below year 5 are welcome to come and join in the fun on Saturday. So we can start planning please let us know if you are interested. If you need more details, register your interest or reserve a place please contact the office or Rev Kelly.

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 those who mourn, in particular the family of Sir Michael Bett, and we remember with thanksgiving those whose anniversary of death fall at this time.

- In our cycle of prayer, we pray for those who live in the Leonard Avenue.
- For those in our congregation who work in the healthcare professions. For healing, care, strength and comfort and for their witness at work.
- Give thanks for our Area Dean, Archdeacons and Bishops and for God's blessing on their ministry and family life.
- Pray for the church of Vigo Hall and the people of Vigo
- Pray for our schools and nurseries. In particular this week we pray for Little Treacles Nursery
- 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, Mpwapwa & Kondoa and Estonia.

Contact us...

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