

# THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



## ST BART'S NEWS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> : CHRIST THE KING**

### Services this week

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 10.00am – Spiritual Communion (Common Worship)  
**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>:** 10.00am - Spiritual Communion (BCP)  
**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>:** 10.00am – Morning Worship

Sunday services will be livestreamed on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StBartsOtford>) and website and also available to watch afterwards.

A service of Spiritual Communion using the Book of Common Prayer will be available on the above Facebook page and on our website on Wednesdays at 10.00am

Zoom Coffee and Chat is available after both services – you don't need to have watched the service to attend!

A talk for children and young people is available on our website from Sunday morning.

**The church is open for private prayer from Mondays – Fridays, 9.00am to Noon**

### Diary Dates *(for note and prayer)*

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** : 7.00pm—YPF via Zoom *(for Year 9 and above - contact church office for details)*

**Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** : 8.00pm, Advent Bible Study session 1

**Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** : 8.00pm, Fundraising Committee

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** : 7.00pm, Vicar and wardens meeting

### NOTICEBOARD

#### PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for those living in Warham Road and for the work of Loaves and Fishes Foodbank in Sevenoaks. We pray and give thanks for all members of our church family, that we may be a witness and support to all in need. Daily prayers are available on our website and are also published on our social media pages.

#### SILENT AUCTION

There are a few days left to get any remaining bids in or to increase your existing bid. The updated catalogue listing the number of bids for each item is available on the church website for you to review. The final day for bids is Tuesday 24th November. Winners will be notified after this date with details of how to pay for the item via the church office and who to contact to claim their item. Many thanks to everyone for their support so far. (<https://www.stbartholomews.co.uk/silent-auction/>)

#### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

We will be running a **Bible study for Advent** on Zoom, on four Thursday evenings from November 26<sup>th</sup>. Each session will start at 8pm and last around an hour. The theme for the course is "Advent Through the Seasons." Please register by emailing the church office or Revd David so you can be sent Zoom details and resources by email each week, or we can deliver course sheets to you even if you are not able to attend but are interested in working through the course by yourself. Otherwise join directly by clicking <https://zoom.us/j/97777317263?pwd=RkxPcGkxR2FickRCNTJvbk9ta09NQT09>  
Meeting ID: 977 7731 7263, Passcode: 271709 or phone in on 0208 080 6591 with the above ID/code

#### ONLINE SHOP

We are unable to hold any form of Christmas Market this year due to the current restrictions. However, many of the products which you might have bought at the market, including Crafts and Christmas Puddings, are now available through our Christmas Shop, which is available both online, via our website, and in a folder within the church lobby. We are offering free delivery to anyone within a 5 mile radius of the church. Our Made in Otford site is accessible through our website and directly on [www.madeinotford.org](http://www.madeinotford.org)

## ADVENT WINDOWS

Why not decorate and light a front window to share your idea of Christmas and the coming of Jesus. It's a great way to bring some light to the gloom of our present situation and could give a feeling of belonging to the village and thinking a bit more about the light in our world that we could share. Let's join together as a village community. Send photos of your finished window so we can share them.

## AMAZON SMILE

With many of us this year likely to be shopping online for Christmas presents, why not benefit the church by having us as your AmazonSmile nominated charity. Amazon will give us 0.5% of the net purchase price (excl.VAT, returns and shipping fees). You just need to: go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk), sign in with your usual amazon details, search for the charity you want (in our case type in the search box St Bartholomew Church Otford), and click select. In order for St Barts to benefit from this the user must always start from [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)

## ZOOM COFFEE

Join us for **Zoom coffee & chat** after church at 11.30am on Sundays and at 11.00am on Wednesdays.

**Sunday:** Either online: <https://zoom.us/j/98610409208?pwd=Y0Q0WFZtQk05dFJ6YmNKZDBBcWEwdz09>

Meeting ID: 986 1040 9208, Passcode: 295936

Or phone in on 0208 080 6591 with the above ID/code

**Wednesday:** Online: <https://zoom.us/j/92853425429?pwd=MXRUbERwckNsVUU0Q0JUCUtRLzdYdz09>

Meeting ID: 928 5342 5429, Passcode: 875174

Or phone in on 0208 080 6591 with the above ID/code

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus it is clear that those who pray for the coming of God's kingdom pray rightly to have it within themselves." – Origen

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR TODAY:

**BCP Communion (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity):** Jeremiah 23.5-8; John 6.5-14

**Common Worship Communion:** Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Ephesians 1.15-23;  
Matthew 25.31-46

**Morning Prayer:** Psalm 29; Isaiah 4.2-5.7; Luke 19.29-38

**Evening Prayer:** Psalm 93; 2 Samuel 23.1-7; Matthew 28.16-20

## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Crown him with many crowns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him

## COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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

## PRAYER FOR STIR UP SUNDAY

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Wednesday afternoon

  
A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

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