

THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



ST BART'S NEWS

SUNDAY, APRIL 25th: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Services this week

Sunday, April 25th:	8.00am – Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am – Holy Communion – in church AND online <i>with talk for children and young people on our website</i>
Wednesday, April 28th:	10.00am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, May 2nd:	8.00am – Holy Communion 10.00am – All Together Worship – in church AND online



Diary Dates (for note and prayer)

- Sunday, April 25th:** 11.30am – Annual Parochial Church Meeting – in church and on Zoom
7.00pm—YPF via Zoom (*for Year 9 and above - contact church office for details*)
- Thursday, April 29th:** 8.00pm – Finance & Standing Committee meeting
- Monday, May 3rd:** 10.00 – Book and Bake sale, Church Hall
- Thursday, May 6th:** Noon – Deanery Chapter meeting
7.30pm – Deanery Synod meeting

NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Please register via the church office to attend our Sunday services (by Thursday noon) or our 10am Wednesday BCP Communion (by Monday noon) by calling the office number on Monday-Friday mornings only or emailing. Our 10am Sunday service will remain livestreamed as well as being in person. The church is open for private prayer (and foodbank donations) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am–3pm and on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11.30am. You **MUST** wear a face covering and use hand sanitiser when you visit the church.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer** we pray for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting today, for the residents of Hopfield Close and for the work of Christian Aid. We pray for those who are unwell, including Sally Gunn, Marion & Peter Venables, Suzanne Davis and Sian Springer, and remember the recently departed, including Tania Taylor and Martin Devereau. Daily prayers are available on our website and also published on our social media pages.

LIVE STREAMED SERVICES

Our live streamed services are now on our new **YouTube channel** which you can find by visiting the YouTube site and typing in “StBarts Otford.” There is also a link to the service on the front page of our website if you scroll down.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 25th, at 11.30am. As with our last such meeting there will be an opportunity to attend this in church (please register with the church office) or on Zoom. We need to elect a new churchwarden and new members of the PCC and forms for nominations are available. You can join us online through: <https://zoom.us/j/96153119326?pwd=b0xwOXRpdWVHUWxjRDdNMGMNMVVjKUT09>
Meeting ID: 961 5311 9326, Passcode: 103638

EVENSONG

For those asking about when Evensong will resume, we are planning to recommence on the 1st Sunday of the month for the time being from June 6th at 6.30pm. Meanwhile, a big thank you to our organist, choir and worship band for providing music and hymns for us on Sunday mornings and we hope it is not too long before we are allowed to sing again as a congregation.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as well as our new YouTube channel (links shown on our information box below). If you are on these yourself please do follow us and like/share posts as it makes us better known and allows us to do more things.

BISHOP JAMES VISITS DEANERY

In one of his last commitments before his retirement in the summer, Bishop James is visiting the Shoreham deanery during the week beginning Monday, May 3rd. On the evening of Thursday 6th May he will be attending our Deanery Synod meeting on Zoom at 7.30 pm and all are warmly invited. Anyone wishing to attend, who is not a member of deanery synod, is asked to contact the deanery secretary on shoreham.deanery@btinternet.com so that they can be given the login details.

MADE IN OTFORD

Don't forget to check our online marketplace – new items are being added regularly. Latest additions include a new range of our popular chopping/serving boards in various shapes/sizes and woods: www.madeinotford.org

POP-UPS

Following the success of our pop-up stalls outside the church hall last year, we are planning a number of similar events this year. Our first such pop-up will be taking place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 3rd, which will be a Book and Bake Sale.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY:

BCP Communion (3rd Sunday after Easter): 1 Peter 2.11-17; John 16.16-22

Common Worship Communion: Acts 4.5-12; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Hymn 1: The king of love my shepherd is

Hymn 2: I will sing the wondrous story

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Thy Kingdom Come
Ascension to Pentecost
13th-23rd May

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