

THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



ST BART'S NEWS

SUNDAY, JULY 18th : TRINITY 7

Services this week

Sunday, July 18th:	8.00am – Holy Communion 10.00am – Morning Worship – in church AND online <i>Sunday Club in church centre</i>
Monday, July 19th:	11.00am - thanksgiving service for the life of Roger Tutt
Wednesday, July 21st:	10.00am – Holy Communion (BCP) 2.00pm - funeral of Philip Bowcock
Sunday, July 25th:	8.00am – Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am – Holy Communion – in church AND online

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Diary Dates *(for note and prayer)*

Sunday, July 18th:	7.00pm— YPF <i>(for Year 9 and above)</i>
Monday, July 19th:	8.00pm – events and fellowship committee meeting
Tuesday, July 20th:	2.30pm - Vicar and wardens meeting
Saturday, July 24th:	10.00am – pop up stalls outside church hall
Sunday, July 25th:	3.00/5.30pm – ChamberMusicBox recital

NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

The Government announcement concerning the end of most Covid regulations leaves organisations and individuals to decide how to act safely and to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. After receiving guidance from the Church of England and our diocese, we are recommending that anyone coming to church continues to wear a face covering. We are assessing the best way to seat people safely to avoid unnecessary anxiety, but there will be no need to register for services. If you wish to sing you will have to wear a face covering. We will review the situation at the end of August. Our 10am Sunday service will remain livestreamed as well as being in person.

OFFICE OPENING

The church office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am–noon. You will have to press the intercom button in the foyer if you need to see someone in the office. We encourage you to continue to wear a face covering and use hand sanitiser when you visit the church.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

We offer **Sunday Club** in the church centre on all Sundays bar the first of the month when we have All Together Worship. For the time being children will go straight to the centre rather than coming into church first. YPF takes place every Sunday at 7pm. EPIC is on a second Saturday of the month at 7pm.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer** we pray for the residents of Saxon Close and for the work of Loaves and Fishes. We pray for those who are unwell, including Marion & Peter Venables, David Crawley, and Pat Downing and remember the recently departed, including Philip Bowcock and David Matthews, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at around this time. 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** "StBarts Otford" (link on our website homepage and in the contacts box on this sheet)

COFFEE AND CHAT

Weather permitting we will continue to offer **tea/coffee outside** the church centre after our 10am Sunday service. Please follow the directions given by sidespeople when the service ends if you wish to stay.

SUSAN THANKS

I would like to thank all those who contributed to the Coolings Gift Voucher, the beautiful bouquet of flowers and hand-made card that I received in church last week. It was very generous of you and I will now have the time and pleasure to purchase something that will remind me of you all at St. Bart's. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 25 years sharing the workload with Clive in the Church Office - a very varied job, no two working days being the same, some happy, some sad, but I hope that I have shown God's love to all those whom I have come into contact with.
Susan Reid

POP-UP STALLS

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our fortnightly **pop-up stalls** outside the Church Hall on Saturday mornings. Our next is on July 24th for kids' stuff and plants; jewellery, accessories, and special occasions on August 7th and Wood 'n' Bitz on August 21st. Items can be left in the church lobby. There will be bakes/produce on sale every time and these can be brought along on the day in bags or containers.

JANET RAYNOR THANKSGIVING

There will be a service of Thanksgiving for Janet Raynor, a former tower captain here, on Saturday 4th September at 3.00pm at Seal St Lawrence Church, Church, Stone Street, Sevenoaks TN15 0LL followed by a BBQ in the school field opposite. Please tell us if you would like to attend and if you would like to stay for the BBQ for catering numbers either by email davidraynor1964@hotmail.com or call 01732 465965 and leave a message

CAMEO

CAMEO is a group of St. Bartholomew's Church family members who live alone. We meet on Monday afternoons from 2.00 - 4.00p.m. at 17, Leonard Avenue. Our meeting on 19th July will be a Bible Study session based on The Book of Acts. On 26th July we will hold a friendly discussion. Thereafter we will alternate between Bible Study and some form of discussion. If this group sounds right for you then we look forward to hearing from you. Phone Margaret Lidbetter on 01959 524831 and you will be most welcome.

RECITAL IN CHURCH

Our friends from ChamberMusicBox are returning to the church next Sunday, July 25th, after a successful concert last October with a performance of Franz Schubert's sublime String Quintet. They will be playing at 3pm and 5.30pm with the recital lasting about an hour. According to the Government guidelines regarding professional performances this may be a socially distanced event. Tickets for the 3pm performance are available here: <https://chambermusicbox.com/event/chambermusicbox-st-bartholomews-otford-3pm-concert/>

READINGS FOR SUNDAY:

BCP Communion: Romans 6.19-23; Mark 8.1-10

CW Communion: 1 Chronicles 29.6-14; 2 Corinthians 9.1-15

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received - abundantly, generously, and joyfully, that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the three in whom we are one. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, who is greater than our hearts, help us to serve one another, to reveal our faith through action, by abiding in your love. Amen



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