

THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th : TRINITY 15

Services this week

Sunday, September 12th :	8.00am – Holy Communion 10.00am – Holy Communion – in church AND online <i>Sunday Club in Church Centre</i> Noon – baptism of Donny Berwick
Tuesday, September 14th:	2.00pm - Service of Thanksgiving for Tim Stanley
Wednesday, September 15th :	10.00am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Friday, September 17th:	Noon - wedding of Alex Long and Alex Tucker
Saturday, September 18th:	3.00pm - service of prayer and dedication after civil marriage (Janet & Mark)
Sunday, September 19th :	8.00am – Holy Communion
(Stewardship Sunday)	10.00am – Morning Worship – in church AND online

Diary Dates (for note and prayer)

Saturday, September 11th:	all day - Ride and Stride 9.30am - churchyard working party 6.00pm - EPIC in church centre
Sunday, September 12th:	5.00pm - Fort Halstead talk 6.30pm - YPF in church centre
Monday, September 13th:	Noon - soup lunch in church centre 2.00pm - CAMEO (Bible study), 17 Leonard Avenue
Tuesday, September 14th:	8.00pm - PCC meeting
Wednesday, September 15th:	5.00pm - wedding rehearsal
Thursday, September 16th:	8.00pm - Fabric Committee meeting
Sunday, September 19th:	9.00am - prayer breakfast in church centre

NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

We are recommending that anyone coming to church continues to wear a face covering. If you wish to sing you will have to wear a face covering. Our 10am Sunday service will remain livestreamed as well as being in person.

HOLY COMMUNION

We are testing a partial return to “normal” at all our Communion services. Today, we will continue to offer the bread only, but ask you to receive at the nave altar step. Wherever you are sitting you will need to walk up the south aisle (this will mean walking to the back of church first if you are in the north aisle), sanitise your hands just in front of the Lady Chapel, then walk across to the nave altar step where a wafer will be dropped into your hand. From Wednesday we will add the opportunity for those who wish to receive wine by intinction. This will require you to do the same process, but if you do NOT wish to receive a wafer dipped in the wine (this will be done safely and according to health guidelines) please say, “wafer only.” If you have mobility problems Communion will be brought to you in your seat.

OFFICE OPENING

The church office is open from 9.00am – noon, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The church is generally open during the day Monday-Friday for private prayer.

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)

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Next Sunday (19th) is our annual Stewardship Sunday. Our special guest preacher at 8am and 10am will be Steve Coney, Mission and Growth Adviser for the Diocese of Canterbury.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer** we pray for the residents of Tudor Drive and for the work of Hospices of Hope. We pray for those who are unwell, including Peter Venables, David Crawley, Pat Downing, Doug Dickerson and Liz Anderson and remember the recently departed, including Tim Stanley and Fr Chris Griffiths 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.

BARN DANCE

Tickets are now on sale for our Barn Dance in Otford Village Memorial Hall on Saturday 2nd October, 6.30pm-10.30pm. Tickets at £15 per adult and £40 per family include dancing with Abbey Capers Barn Dance Band and a hot supper. Money raised is for church funds. Please contact Jo Chandler on 07703 797039, or jo.chandler@live.co.uk or enquire at the Church office to purchase tickets as soon as possible.

SOUP LUNCH

We are restarting our soup lunches on Monday (13th) at 12noon. Suggested donation £6.50. Menu is a choice of homemade soup and bread, a small dessert, tea or coffee and an after coffee interview with Revd David. Numbers are limited due to Covid and social distancing, so we can't accept any on the day walk ins. Please wear a mask until you are seated. Please sign up on the board at the back of the church or speak to Joan Beacom 01959 467675

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Our popular prayer breakfasts will recommence next Sunday (19th) and will take place regularly on a third Sunday of the month. This will be from 9.00am so you can stay on after the 8.00am Communion or come early before the 10.00am service.

FAIR THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who organised, helped at or supported our successful Church Fair last weekend. We raised over £5,600 for church funds and had many positive comments from visitors. Next year the event will return to June.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY:

CW Communion: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Mark 8.27-38 (*we use these readings at our 8.00am and 10.00am services*)

BCP Communion: Galatians 6.11-18; Matthew 6.24-34 (*we use these readings at our Wednesday morning service*)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

1. Christ whose glory fills the skies; 2. Take up thy cross; 3. Sing of the Lord's goodness; 4. Jesus is Lord

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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