

THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



ST BART'S NEWS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st : CHRIST THE KING

Services this week

Sunday, November 21st:	8.00am - Holy Communion <i>followed by prayer breakfast</i>
<i>Christ the King</i>	10.00am - Holy Communion - in church AND online <i>Sunday Club meet in Church Centre</i> 6.30pm - Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday, November 24th:	10.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, November 28th:	8.00am - Holy Communion
<i>Advent Sunday</i>	10.00am - Holy Communion - in church AND online 6.30pm - Advent Carol Service

Diary Dates (for note and prayer)

Saturday, November 20th:	10.00am - Christmas Market in church/Church Centre
Sunday, November 21st:	6.30pm - YPF in Church Centre
Monday, November 22nd:	2.00pm - CAMEO 8.00pm - Mission Committee
Wednesday, November 24th:	11.00am - pastoral assistants meeting
Thursday, November 25th:	8.00pm - Advent Study 1 8.00pm - bell ringing
Friday, November 26th:	8.00pm - choir practice

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. We are continuing to monitor Government, Church and RSCM guidance. Our 10am Sunday service will remain livestreamed as well as being in person.

HOLY COMMUNION

In line with Church of England guidance at all our **Communion services** we offer bread and wine but ask you to receive at the nave altar step. You need to walk up the south 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. Those who wish to can receive wine by intinction. 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, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The church is usually open Monday-Friday mornings 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)

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our usual third Sunday prayer breakfast will take place in between the 8am and 10am Communion services today in the Church Centre. All welcome.

KNITTED ANGELS

After the success of our knitted angels last Christmas, we will again be putting these out around the village for people to find and keep in the run-up to Christmas. If anyone can knit some for us instructions are available in church or from the church office.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for all who live in Broughton Road and for the work of the Children's Society. We pray for those who are unwell, including Madelyn Roets, Peter Venables, David Crawley and Liz Anderson and remember the recently departed, as well as 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.

ADVENT STUDY COURSE

Our Advent Study Course will again this year be taking place via Zoom to give more people the chance to join us. Our theme is "Visitors". The course will be from Thursday, November 25th at 8.00pm for four weeks and will use this link for each week: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86511812653?pwd=UVFCOWM1M2tyeCtvSEg2a2xOTG9sUT09>
The theme for the first week is *Hopes and Dreams* and it would be helpful if you could read Luke 1.26-38 and Matthew 1.18-25 in preparation.

ADVENT SUNDAY

Next Sunday (28th) is Advent Sunday. In addition to our two usual morning services at 6.30pm there will be a candlelit Advent Carol Service of favourite readings, Advent hymns and carols to set the mood of preparation and reflection during the season. In addition, at our 10am service we will again begin to populate our porch crib scene week by week up to Christmas.

CAROLS AND CAKE AFTERNOON

We are holding a Carols and Cake afternoon on Saturday, December 4th, at 3.00pm in the Church Centre. This will be an opportunity to sing some favourite carols and enjoy some delicious cake with tea. The carols sung will all be chosen by those attending – so if you have a favourite carol you would like to sing please VOTE! There is a box in the foyer for choices and we will try to include as many as we can.

ADVENT DATES

- * **Advent Carol Service** on Advent Sunday, November 28th, at 6.30pm
- * **Carols and Cake** afternoon in the Church Centre on Saturday, December 4th, at 3.00pm
- * **Messy Church for Advent** on Sunday, December 5th, at 3.00pm
- * **Advent Quiet Day** - "The Art of Watching and Waiting" led by Revd David at St Benedict's Centre, West Malling, on Tuesday, December 7th, from 9.30am - 3.00pm. Book via bookings@stbenedictscentre.org, tel: 01732 252651

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

CW Communion: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; Revelation 1.4-8; John 18.33-37 (*we use these readings at our 8.00am and 10.00am services*)

BCP Communion (25th Sunday after Trinity): Jeremiah 23.5-8; John 6.5-14 (*we use these at our Wednesday morning service*)

BCP Evensong: Daniel 5; John 6.1-15

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Crown him with many crowns (SoP 121), 2. Christ is alive! (SoP 104), 3. Christ is the King (SoP 322), 4. Christ triumphant, ever reigning (SoP 119)

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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