

THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



ST BART'S NEWS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th : 2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Services this week

Sunday, January 16th:	8.00am - Holy Communion (<i>followed by prayer breakfast in Church Centre</i>)
	10.00am - Morning Worship - in church AND online (<i>plus Sunday Club in Church Centre</i>)
	6.30pm - Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday, January 19th:	10.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, January 23rd:	8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am - Holy Communion - in church AND online
	6.30pm - United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Diary Dates (*for note and prayer*)

Sunday, January 16th:	3.00pm - Collation service for the Archdeacon of Tonbridge
	6.30pm - YPF
Monday, January 17th:	2.00pm - CAMEO Bible study
Thursday, January 20th:	8.00pm - bell ringing
Friday, January 21st:	8.00pm - choir practice
Monday, January 24th:	2.00pm - CAMEO discussion/activity
	8.00pm - Mission Committee



NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Anyone coming to church must wear a face covering. Except for the choir, you must keep your mask on when singing. Our 10.00am Sunday service will remain livestreamed as well as being in person. **Refreshments** are available in the Church Centre after our 10am service for those who wish to stay.

HOLY COMMUNION

A 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 please say, "wafer only." You should then return to your seat, remove your mask and consume the wafer. If you have mobility problems Communion will be brought to you in your seat.

OFFICE OPENING

The **church office is currently not open to callers.** However, someone will be able to take calls and answer emails 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)

ONLINE TALK THANKS

A big thank you to Ed Thompson for his online talk on Sunday and a thank you to everyone who attended. We raised over £200.

NEW ARCHDEACON

Our new Archdeacon of Tonbridge, the Revd Sharon Copestake, will be collated at a special service this afternoon (Sunday) at 3pm. You are invited to watch on <https://www.youtube.com/c/StStephensChurchTonbridge>

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our first **Prayer Breakfast** of the year will take place this morning (Sunday 19th) in the Church Centre between the 8am and 10am services. All welcome to come and enjoy fellowship and pray for the needs of the parish.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for all who live in Evelyn Road and for the work of Pursue. We pray for those who are unwell, including Madelyn Roets, Peter Venables, Liz Anderson and Rod Shelton and remember the recently departed, including Ann Young and Margaret McKendrick, as well as those whose anniversaries of death occur at around this time. Daily prayers are available on our website and published on our social media pages.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Any spare new Christmas cards are being collected this month in readiness for the 2022 Christmas Market. A box is available in the entrance to the church centre for any card donations. Many thanks for your support.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

A special **united service**, at which we will be joined by our friends from the other churches in the village, will be held in St Bart's on the evening of Sunday, January 23rd at 6.30pm as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18th-25th. This service will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

FLOWER TEAM

Many thanks for all your contributions during last year. The new list is on the board at the back of the church. Please sign up if you are able to put flowers on the main Altar and the side Altar. We are always looking for new folk who are willing to be part of the team. We hope to have an afternoon tea in Feb - watch this space for details. *Joan Beacom*

DEANERY SYNOD

The next Deanery Synod (Tuesday 25th January) will include a **Presentation on Living in Love and Faith (LLF)** which invites the whole Church to explore questions around identity and sexuality using a range of resources to pray, study and learn together. The speaker will be the Revd Dr Joel Love, who serves as chaplain to the LLF process and the LLF consultative group for the diocese. All are invited to attend the talk via Zoom at 7.45pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85852599043?pwd=RFUrUkV2dVkwEx2S2ZWm09lK1FtQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 5259 9043, Passcode: 269250

BURNS NIGHT

We are holding a **Burns Night Supper** in the Church Centre on Saturday, January 29th, 6.30 for 7pm. Come along and enjoy a three-course Scottish meal with traditional toasts, readings, songs and a table quiz. Please wear something Scottish! To book please email eventsstbarts@gmail.com or phone 07928 121930. Suggested donation is £20.

CHRISTINGLE

We will be holding a **Christingle Service** on Sunday, January 30th at 10.00am. Many churches now hold these services in connection with The Children's Society at this time as pre-Christmas can be so busy with many other demands on our time. We need to prepare the Christingle oranges beforehand so are asking for anyone who can help to come along to the Church Centre on Saturday, January 29th at 9.30am.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Communion/Morning Worship: Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11 (*we use these readings at our 8.00am and 10.00am services*)

BCP Communion: Romans 12.6-16; John 2.1-11 (*we use these at our Wednesday morning service*)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

1. Rejoice, the Lord is king (SoP 130), 2. Let all the world (SoP 236), 3. Through all the changing scenes of life (SoP 22), 4. Jesus is Lord (SoP 153)

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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