

# THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



## ST BART'S NEWS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> : 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

#### Services this week

<b>Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	8.00am – Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am – Holy Communion – in church AND online <i>(plus Sunday Club in Church Centre)</i> 6.30pm - United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in church AND online
<b>Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	10.00am – Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>:</b>	8.00am – Holy Communion 10.00am – Christingle Service – in church AND online 6.30pm - Candlemas Evensong

#### Diary Dates (for note and prayer)

<b>Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	6.30pm -	YPF
<b>Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	2.00pm -	CAMEO discussion/activity
	8.00pm -	Mission Committee
<b>Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	7.45pm -	Deanery Synod meeting
<b>Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	9.30am -	First Steps, Otford Methodist Church Hall
<b>Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	8.00pm -	Finance Committee
	8.00pm -	bell ringing
<b>Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>:</b>	8.00pm -	choir practice
<b>Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>:</b>	9.30am -	preparing Christingles in Church Centre
	6.30pm -	Burns Night Supper
<b>Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>:</b>	2.30pm -	Vicar and Wardens meeting



### 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

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 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)

#### 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 this evening (January 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 6.30pm as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. This service will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

## PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for all of our fellow churches in the village, for those who live in Flowerfield and for the work of Church Mission Society. 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.

## CAR PARK

The code for the padlock on the car park gate will be changed from February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have reason to know the new code please contact the Church Office.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:eventsstbarts@gmail.com) or phone 07928 121930. Suggested donation is £20.

## CHRISTINGLE

We will be holding a **Christingle Service** on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. Many churches now hold these services in connection with The Children's Society at this time, linked to Candlemas, 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 29<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY

**Communion:** Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21 (*we use these readings at our 8.00am and 10.00am services*)

**BCP Communion:** Romans 12.16-21; Matthew 8.1-13 (*we use these at our Wednesday morning service*)

## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

1. Jesus shall reign (SoP 127); 2. Christ whose glory fills the skies (SoP 143); 3. Thou didst leave thy throne (SoP 74); 4. O Jesus I have promised (SoP 339)

## COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen



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WEEK of  
**PRAYER**  
for CHRISTIAN UNITY  
2022

"We saw the star in the East,  
and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2)

