



ST BART'S NEWS

SUNDAY, MAY 15th : 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Services this week

Sunday, May 15th:	8.00am - Holy Communion
	10.00am - Morning Worship - in church AND online
	<i>Sunday Club in Church Centre</i>
	6.30pm - Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday, May 18th:	10.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, May 22nd:	8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am - Holy Communion - in church AND online
	<i>Sunday Club in Church Centre</i>

Diary Dates (for note and prayer)

Sunday, May 15th:	9.00am - prayer breakfast, Church Centre
	6.30pm - YPF, Church Centre
Monday, May 16th:	Noon - soup lunch, Church Centre
	2.00pm - CAMEO, 17 Leonard Avenue
	8.00pm - PCC meeting (preceded by Communion), Church Centre
Tuesday, May 17th:	8.00am - church electrical inspection
Wednesday, May 18th:	11.00am - pastoral assistants meeting
Saturday, May 21st:	10.00am - plants and bakes stall, outside Church Hall, High Street
Sunday, May 22nd:	6.30pm - YPF, Church Centre

NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

With the easing of Covid restrictions in common with many other venues we leave the decision to wear a face covering up to you, though ask that you remain aware of and respectful to others around you. Our 10.00am Sunday service will remain livestreamed as well as being in person.

HOLY COMMUNION

At our **Communion services** we offer bread and wine. At Sunday 10am services, walk up the south aisle, sanitising your hands, then walk across to the nave altar step. The priest will either drop a wafer into your hand and you can move on to an assistant who will offer the chalice OR if you wish to receive a wafer dipped in the wine the priest will intinct using a different chalice. Please make it clear which you would prefer by saying "dip" if you wish to receive an intincted wafer – otherwise please move on to the assistant who will administer the wine to you from the chalice. If you do NOT wish to receive a wafer dipped in the wine please say, "wafer only."

OFFICE OPENING

The **church office is open to callers** from 9.00am – noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week. The church is usually open Monday-Friday mornings for private prayer.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for those living in Row Dow and for the work of Hospices of Hope. We pray for those who are unwell, including Wendy Grafton, Grace Davies, Maureen Bennett and Madelyn Roets. We remember the recently departed as well as those whose anniversaries of death occur at around this time. Please send any names for the intercessions list to the Vicar only – thank you.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are available in the Church Centre after our 10.00am service today. Thank you to everyone who has bought handmade cards from Sylvia – you can buy them after the 10am service on the way to refreshments.

GUEST SPEAKER TODAY

We have a **guest preacher** today who will be speaking at both of our morning services. Jay Finch, Fundraising Executive for Hospices of Hope, will be telling us about the work of this locally-based charity, which provides hospice care to those who desperately need it in Albania, Moldova, Romania and Serbia.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our monthly **prayer breakfast** takes place between the 8am and 10am services this morning. Stay after the first service or come early for the second and join us for breakfast as we pray about various issues in the parish and wider world. We usually start at around 9.00am and finish at about 9.40am.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - *Please save these dates in your diary:*

Saturday, May 21st: **Pop up stall**, including plants and bakes sale, outside Church Hall

Saturday, May 28th: **Otford Village Fete**, at which we are running the hoop-la stall

Thursday, June 2nd: **Great Village Jubilee BBQ**, noon to 4:00pm on the village green. We are running a craft stall at this event.

Sunday, June 5th: **Hymns and Pimms Songs of Praise** plus refreshments to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, 4.00pm

Saturday, June 18th: **Church Summer Fair**

SOUP LUNCH

Our next **soup lunch** is on Monday, May 16th, at noon in the Church Centre. Our special guest is the Vicar of Ightham, former area dean, and sometime film star the Revd Tim Hatwell. Please sign up if you wish to attend on the list in the entrance lobby.

ASCENSION DAY

This year there will be a **deanery Communion service** to celebrate Ascension Day. This will be on Thursday, May 26th, 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Ightham. All are warmly invited to attend. There will not be a service at St Bart's as we are all encouraged to attend the deanery service.

READINGS *(numbers show page in pew Bibles of readings being used)*

Communion: Acts 11.1-18 (p1105); Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35 (p1082) *(we use these readings at our 8.00am and 10.00am services)*

BCP Communion (4th Sunday after Easter): James 1.17-21; John 16.5-15 *(we use these readings at our Wednesday morning service)*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Now the green blade riseth; 2. A new commandment; 3. O Jesus, I have promised; 4. When I needed a neighbour

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

Psalm 148; 1. The strife is o'er (NEH 119); 2. God, that madest earth and heaven (NEH 245); 3. Love's redeeming work is done (NEH 113)

COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen



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