



ST BART'S NEWS

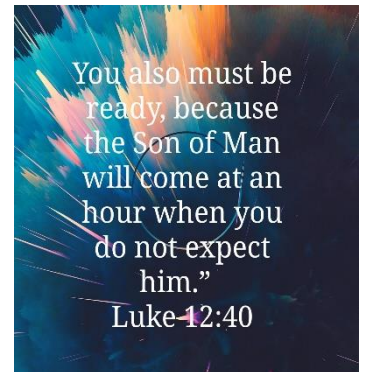
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th/14th : 8th/9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICES

Sunday, August 7th:	8.00am -	Holy Communion
	10.00am -	All Together Worship - in church AND online
	6.30pm -	Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday, August 10th:	10.00am -	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, August 14th:	8.00am -	Holy Communion
	10.00am -	Holy Communion - in church AND online
Wednesday, August 17th:	10.00am -	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, August 21st:	8.00am -	Holy Communion <i>followed by prayer breakfast</i>
	10.00am -	Morning Worship - in church AND online
	6.30pm -	Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES (for note and prayer)

Saturday, August 6th:	9.30am -	churchyard working party
Monday, August 8th:	2.00pm -	CAMEO, 17 Leonard Avenue
Thursday, August 11th:	8.00pm -	bellringing practice
Friday, August 12th:	8.00pm -	choir rehearsal
Monday, August 15th:	2.00pm -	CAMEO Bible Study, 17 Leonard Avenue
Wednesday, August 17th:	3.00pm -	Vicar and wardens meeting
Thursday, August 18th:	Noon -	Deanery Chapter, Woodlands
	8.00pm -	bellringing practice
	8.00pm -	Fundraising Committee
Friday, August 19th:	8.00pm -	choir rehearsal



NOTICEBOARD

OFFICE OPENING

The church office is **CLOSED** from August 8th – 22nd: phone messages and emails will be checked remotely but there will be nobody in the office. The church will be open in the mornings as usual.

HOLY COMMUNION

At our **Communion services** we offer bread and wine. At Sunday 10am services, 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. If you do NOT wish to receive a wafer dipped in the wine or to drink from the chalice please say, "wafer only." **Our thanks to the Revd Chris Johnson** for taking our Communion services on the 7th at 8.00am and on the 10th.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for those living in Tudor Crescent and Tudor Drive and for the work of the Bible Society and Christian Aid. We pray for those who are unwell, including Simon, Phyllis Putt, and Maureen Bennett. 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. Please sign up on the rota if you are able to help serve teas and coffees on a Sunday morning.

QUIZ NIGHT

Pursue (Kenya) are holding a **Quiz Night** to raise funds on Thursday, August 25th, in the Church Centre. Come in teams of up to six members or come along on the night and join a team. Tickets £12 incl welcome drink. www.pursue.org.uk/quiz

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Work on the new **memorial wall** in our garden of remembrance is due to begin on August 10th and is expected to last around three weeks. It will still be possible for people to visit the garden to remember loved ones.

APPEALS

We appreciate that some people prefer to give money to particular needs we have as a church and so we are **appealing for donations** to two important projects: we plan work on car park lighting (£8000) and a new noticeboard at the church hall (£3500). Please contact Heather our treasurer if you are able to help. Thank you.

HANDMADE IN OTFORD

On Bank Holiday Monday (29th August) we're holding an **Exhibition in the church and a sale of items in the Church Centre** to show off your talents and gifts!. This will be a display/exhibition of craft/art items made over the recent past. Did you take up a hobby or have time to work on/complete an item that you would be happy to show to others during the pandemic? If so, please contact us to register an interest: st.bartholomews@otford.net or by phoning 07982 121930 and leaving a message.

CONFIRMATIONS

Is there anyone – young or old! – who would be interested in being confirmed? We are hoping that if we have enough candidates, we might be able to hold a service in our church – we already have a good number interested so don't hesitate to let us know. If not we will have to wait until a service is being held somewhere else in the deanery later next year. We will run a parish study/discipleship course for 4-6 weeks which could be attended by anyone, but which would provide a confirmation course for interested candidates. Please let Revd David know asap if you are interested.

READINGS (TRINITY 8) (numbers show page in pew Bibles of readings being used)

Communion: Genesis 15.1-6; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 (p1209); Luke 12.32-40 (p1045) (we use these readings at our 8.00am and 10.00am services)

BCP Communion: Romans 8.12-17; Matthew 7.15-21 (we use these readings at our Wednesday morning service)

Evensong: Isaiah 11.10-16 and 12.1-6 (p696); Mark 7.24-30 (p1010)

READINGS (TRINITY 9) (numbers show page in pew Bibles of readings being used)

Communion: Jeremiah 23.23-29; Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2 (p1210); Luke 12.49-56 (p1046) (we use these readings at our 8.00am and 10.00am services)

BCP Communion: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 16.1-9 (we use these readings at our Wednesday morning service)

SONGS FOR SUNDAY MORNING (7th)

1. All my days; 2. Even though I walk; 3. I am a C; 4. Blessed be your name

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING (7th)

Psalm 50 vv. 1 – 6; 1. All my hope on God is founded (NEH 333); 2. Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old (NEH 324); 3. O God of earth and altar (NEH 492)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING (14th)

1. God is love: his the care (BBC 140); 2. O thou who camest from above (BBC 186); 3. The Church's one foundation (BBC 176, omit v3); 4. Fight the good fight (BBC 290)

COLLECT (7th)

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (7th)

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

COLLECT (14th)

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 (14th)

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Notices: Please send any notices you would like to be included in this newsletter to otfordvicar@gmail.com The next notice sheet will cover August 21/28 so please send anything for inclusion in good time (17th at the latest). Thank you.