

ST BART' NEWS – SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Sunday next before Lent

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 11th February	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Wednesday 14th February	10.00am	Ash Wednesday Communion (BCP)
	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Communion (CW)
Sunday 18th February	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 8th February	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 9th February	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
Saturday 10th February	6.00pm	EPIC (Church Centre)
Monday 12th February	2.00pm	Cameo Bible Study (17 Leonard Avenue)
	8.00pm	Fair Committee (39 Well Road)
Thursday 15th February	2.00pm	Interment of Ashes – Jean Wilson
	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 16th February	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 18th February	3.00pm	Shop til you Drop – see details below

NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Our **10.00am Sunday service** continues to be livestreamed as well as being in person. Access it via our YouTube channel [StBarts Otford](#) or [church website](#).

HOLY COMMUNION

At our **Communion services** we offer bread and wine. At our main services, the priest will either drop a wafer into your hand and you move on to an assistant who will offer the chalice OR you can receive a wafer dipped in the wine. Please make it clear which you would prefer. We offer intinction for health reasons so please do not dip a wafer into a chalice yourself.

THANKS

Our welcome and thank you to Revd Adie McCall and Revd Ian Aveson and Revd Richard Howlett for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Pickmoss Lane; and for the work of Arocha . We pray for those who are unwell, including Rosemary Hull and Gareth Tucker. We remember the recently departed especially Sue Parker and Jean Wilson; we pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Join us on Sunday 18th Feb at 3pm in the church centre when, with the help of local historian Ed Thompson, we will take a trip through Otford's retailing past. Tickets for this event may be requested by calling the events team on 07928 121930 or emailing the church office, st.bartholomews@otford.net , who will forward on your request. Tickets are £6.50 and include tea/coffee and cake.

LENT COURSE

Please join us for our Lent Course (via Zoom) beginning on Thursday 22nd February, 8pm and running for 5 sessions. At this year's course we will use Tom Wright's book *Lent and Easter for Everyone* to help us relive Christ's journey - from his temptations in the wilderness to the darkness of the cross and beyond into the glory of Easter.

Here are the joining details for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85984483230?pwd=Ga2PNzZShmpm9LhlRrzDd8pDIAkaa8.1>

Meeting ID: 859 8448 3230

Passcode: 611930

SIX NATION RUGBY

On Saturday 24th February, we're showing the Rugby Six Nations Scotland vs England match in the Church Centre. Arrive 4.30pm for 4.45pm kick-off. Supper will be served after the game, around 7pm. Please sign up in advance on the sheet in the lobby and to place your order for Fish & Chips (or Sausage & Chips). Tickets £15 including food, or £5 without. Bring your own drinks.

A DATE FOR YOUR 2024 DIARY: MARCH 16TH

James Cary, the man behind 'The God Particle' and 'A Turbulent Priest' performed at Otford Methodist Church and at St. Barts in 2018/19, is returning to Otford with his one man show '**Water into Wine**' on Saturday March 16th at OMC. James is a committed Christian and an award-winning sitcom writer for TV & radio. He manages to combine both the serious and the humorous in his presentations. This one, which explores the miraculous activity of Jesus recorded in John's Gospel, can only be described as 'stand-up theology' but don't let this put you off! Tickets may be bought and more information found at the [Otford Methodist Church](#) website.

BURNS NIGHT

A gentle reminder for anyone who attended the Burns Night supper and forgot to make a donation, we would be very grateful if you could donate into the church account.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

If you have a Children's Society collection box, could you please return it to the church office. The contents will be counted, and the box returned to you in due course. Thank you to all who support the Children's Society in this way.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our monthly prayer breakfast is on the 4th Sunday in the month, 8.45am in the Church Centre. The next one will be this Sunday **25th February**.

FROM THE CARD STALL

Thank you to everyone who donated new/used Christmas cards for the November Christmas market. The new cards will be repackaged and the used ones either cut into gift tags or made into recycled Christmas cards. Further donations will be collected in October.

FLOWER ROTA

The new rota for arranging altar flowers is up on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please sign up if you can. If you would like to know more about doing church flowers, please speak with Joan Beacom

SALES TABLE

Don't miss out on the **card and mini gifts stall** in the church centre. If you have any used cards or new mini gifts you are willing to part with, we are sure we can make use of them. Many grateful thanks.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Here is a list of items the foodbank is requesting at the moment:

tuna and other fish, stewed steak, chicken casserole, ham/spam, corned beef, macaroni cheese, potatoes, rice sauces, instant soup, instant noodles, instant pasta, biscuits, cooking oil, peanut butter, chocolate spread, marmite, honey, tin openers, men's grooming products, women's hygiene products, shower gel.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are served in the Church Centre after our 10am service. Please sign up on the new rota next to the serving hatch in the Church Centre if you can help, there are spaces to fill 😊

PRAYER FOR THE VACANCY

Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for our parish, and we trust that those plans are good. Wise Holy Spirit, guide those who are seeking the right person to be our next vicar, and those who are seeking the right next step in their ministry. Together may we discern your way for the future and be further equipped to grow. Amen

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

Sunday Morning Services: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (pg.369); 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9 (pg.1012) (*used at 8.00am/10.00am*)

Evensong: No Service

BCP Communion: Joel 2:12-17; Matthew 6:16-21 (*used on Wednesday morning*)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING (*hymn in italics omitted if there is a choir anthem*)

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning; (BBC 119); 2. Christ whose glory fills the skies (BBC 143); 3. Tis good Lord to be here (BBC 75); 4. Name of all majesty (BBC 129)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

No Service

HYMNS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

1. O for a closer walk with God (BBC 311 first tune); 2. Lord Jesus think on me (BBC 276); 3. Forgive our sins as we forgive (BBC 272); 4. Take up thy cross (BBC 93 first tune)

COLLECT - Sunday 11th February

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - Sunday 11th February

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

COLLECT - Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 - Ash Wednesday

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

RESOURCES

OUR SERVICES ONLINE

You can watch last week's service and catch up with other recent services here: <https://www.youtube.com/@stbartsotford1735/streams>

CHURCH DONATION

You can make a **one-off donation** to the work of our church by visiting this site: <https://account.stewardship.org.uk/donation/oneoff/20293172>

CONTACT LIST

Please contact the [Office](#) regarding baptisms, weddings, funerals or requests for home communions

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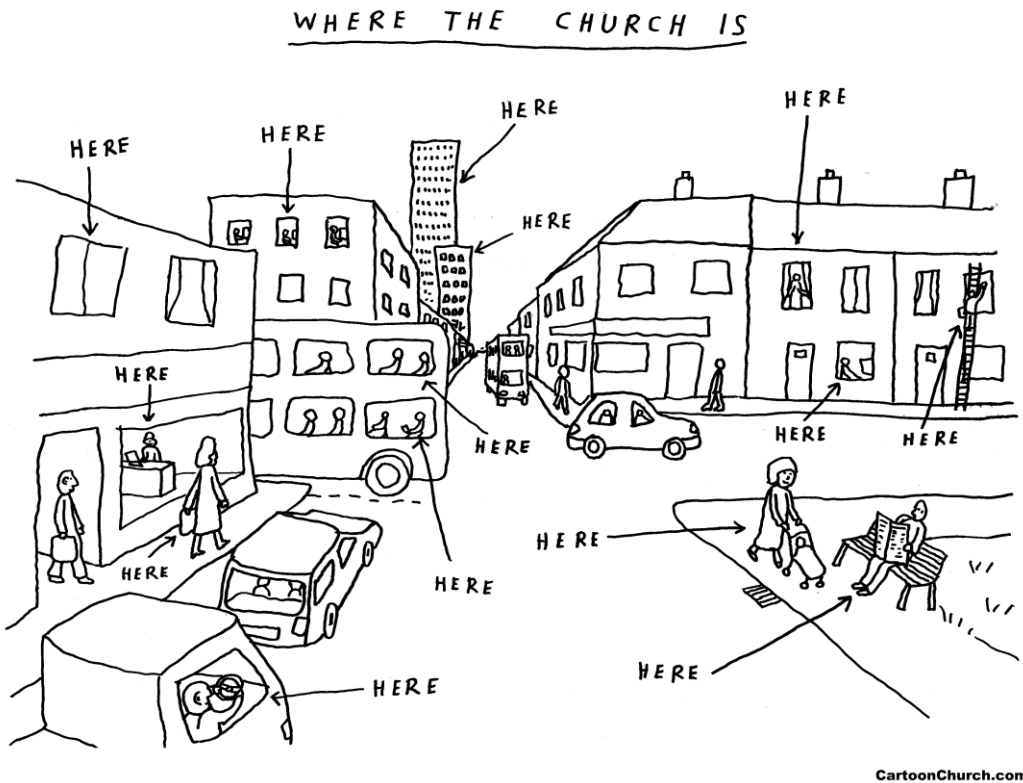
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A Church Near You: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19716/

Please send any notices for inclusion to st.bartholomews@otford.net by **TUESDAY EVENING at the latest**

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:



With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team