

ST BART' NEWS – SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY

1st Sunday in Lent

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 18th February	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday 21st February	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 25th February	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	3.00pm	Messy Church (Church Centre)

DIARY DATES

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
Monday 19th February	2.00pm	Cameo (17 Leonard Avenue)
Wednesday 21st February	8.00pm	PCC (Church Centre)
Thursday 22nd February	8.00pm	Lent Course 1 (Zoom details below)
	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 23rd February	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 24th February	4 for 4.45pm	6 Nations Rugby (Church Centre) 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 for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Pilgrims Way East; and for the work of The Children's Society . We pray for those who are unwell, including Rosemary Hull and Gareth Tucker. We remember the recently departed especially Jean Wilson and Colin Beacom; 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 NATIONS 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This service will take place at Otford Methodist Church on Friday 1st March at 2pm. **Everyone is welcome.**

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.

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. **If you have any used Easter cards please drop them off at the church office for upcycling.** 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: Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-end (pg.1219); Mark 1:9-15 (pg.1002) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:8-17; Luke 13:31-end

BCP Communion: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 4:1-11 *(used on Wednesday morning)*

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

1. O for a heart to praise my God (BBC 310); 2. Be thou my guardian and my guide (BBC 136); 3. *Forty days and forty nights* (BBC 72); 4. Father hear the prayer we offer (BBC 325 1st tune)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. Forty days and forty nights (NEH 67); 2. Lord Jesus think on me (NEH 70); 3. All my hope on God is founded (NEH 333); Psalm 51

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

LENT BOOKS

SEVEN DEADLY SINS



SLOTH



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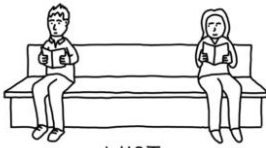
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With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team