

St Bart's News – Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

Don't forget the clocks go forward this weekend

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Thursday 28 th March	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion (CW)
Friday 29 th March	10.00am	Messy Church
	2.00pm	Last Hour at the Cross
Sunday 31 st March	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Easter Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Festal Evensong
Wednesday 3 rd April	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 7 th April	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	All Together Worship
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES

Friday 29 th March	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
Monday 1 st April	10.30am	Pop-up stall (outside church hall)
Thursday 4 th April	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 5 th April	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday 6 th April	9.00am	Churchyard Working Party

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](#).

THANKS

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

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for all who attend our church but live outside the parish; and for those aid organisations working in the war-torn areas of the world. We pray for those who are unwell, including Rosemary Hull, Gareth Tucker, Christine Humphrey, Keith Howe, and Navdeep Singh Kandola. We remember the recently departed and in particular David Hallam and Eunice Beasley; we pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please talk to Joan Beacom either at a church service or by calling her on 01959 467675.

POP-UP STALLS

Calling all bakers! - Our first pop-up of the year is on Easter Monday – 1st April from 10.30 to 12.30, **outside the church hall**, selling cakes and preserves. If you are happy to make something for us, please either bring it on the day or leave it in the Church Centre on Easter Sunday, clearly labelled with its ingredients. Any help, especially with putting up or taking down the stall, would also be gratefully received.

Advance warning - We will be collecting books **after Easter** for our Book & Bake sale at the beginning of May, so please look out any PAPERBACK books for all ages which you no longer need. No hardback books please.

EPIC (Yrs 5-8)

EPIC will be meeting on Saturday 13th April at 6pm in the church centre. This is a great time for having fun and eating food as well as learning about Jesus. If your coming don't forget to invite your friends.

BEETLE DRIVE

We will be holding a Beetle Drive on **Saturday April 20th**, 5.45 for 6pm start. Pizza will be provided and the ice cream bar will be open. Please bring your own drinks. There will be prizes in three age groups; primary school, secondary school and everyone else. Please sign up on the list in the church lobby noting any dietary requirements. Alternatively, you can let the church office know.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Our APCM will be taking place following our 10am service on **Sunday 28th April at 11.30am** (followed by lunch). All are invited to join us for this meeting. If you are on the Church Electoral Roll, our "register of electors", you are entitled to vote at the meeting. Being on the roll allows you to vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC. You can be a full and active member of St Bart's without joining the roll, but it does help the church show its strength. If you are not currently on the Electoral Roll and would like to be please pick up a form from the church lobby or [click here](#) to find an online form on our Policy Docs webpage. Please return your form by the 7th April.

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 **28th April**.

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.

If you wish to find out more about Loaves and Fishes or contact them please do so at www.sevenoaksfoodbank.co.uk or at sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com

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: Acts 10:34-43 (Pg.1104); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 (pg.1089) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Luke 24:13-35

BCP Communion: Acts 13:26-41; Luke 24:36-48 *(used on Wednesday morning)*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Thine be the glory (BBC 114); 2. Jesus Christ is risen today (BBC 107); 3. The day of resurrection (BBC 113); To God be the glory (BBC 256)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. Jesus Christ is risen today (NEH 110); 2. Jesus lives! (NEH 112); 3. The strife is o'er (NEH 119); Psalm: Easter Anthems

COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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

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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:

With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team

