

St Bart's News – Sunday 1st September

14th Sunday after Trinity

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 1st September	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	All Together Worship (CW)
	12.30pm	Baptism
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Tuesday 3rd September	11.00am	Funeral of Rita Speer
Wednesday 4th September	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Friday 6th September	2.00pm	Funeral of Paul Tapper
Sunday 8th September	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
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	3.00pm	Messy Church

DIARY DATES

Thursday 29th August	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 30th August	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Monday 2nd September	2.00pm	CAMEO Bible Study (17 Leonard Avenue)
Thursday 5th September	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 6th September	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 7th September	9.00pm	Churchyard Working Party

NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Our **10.00am Sunday service** are livestreamed. You can access them via our YouTube channel [StBarts Otford](#) or [church website](#).

THANKS

Our welcome and thanks to Revd Anne Bourne for taking our Wednesday communion service.

VACANCY

As our vacancy continues the churchwardens, ministry team and administrator in particular continue to have a lot of extra responsibilities and any help and support you can offer will be appreciated. Much hard work has gone into ensuring as many services as possible are covered, but please understand there is a general shortage of available clergy to take Communion and more so now than when our vacancy began. On the small number of occasions when there is no priest to take Communion a service of Morning Worship/Prayer will be offered. We will endeavour to give good notice of any changes so, keep an eye on the notices.

*** CHANGE TO SERVICES***

In light of the above notice, please note that as it stands currently the 8am Holy Communion services on 1st and 22nd September will be said Morning Worship/Morning Prayer. Also, the 10am Holy Communion service on 22nd September will be Morning Worship. Our thanks to those who will be covering these services.

FUNERALS

Tuesday 3rd September at 11am there is a memorial service for **Rita Speer**. Also, on **Friday 6th September at 2pm** is the memorial service for **Paul Tapper**. Both of these services will be at St Bart's.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Coombe Road; and for the work of Christians Against Poverty. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets and Sarah. We remember the recently departed and in particular Doug and Sheila Dickerson, Rita Speer and Paul Tapper; we pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

OFFICE OPENING

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are served in the Church Centre after our 10am service to which all are welcome. If you could help with serving coffee, please sign up on the new rota next to the serving hatch in the Church Centre, there are spaces to fill

PRAYER BREAKFAST.

The next Prayer Breakfast will be on Sunday **25th August**.

POP-UP FRENCH BISTRO



Bonjour! On Saturday 7th September, St Barts are holding a French Bistro serving a 3-course meal, and there will be a fun table quiz. Please arrive from 6pm for 6.30pm start, and bring your own drinks. There is a suggested donation of £20pp. Please sign-up on the sheet in the lobby, or contact the office. Lifts available for those who aren't happy to drive after dark – contact one of the wardens.

FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

This year the Ride and stride is on **Saturday 14th September**. If you can, please sponsor the Holmes family, who aim to walk 10 miles (covering up to 18 churches), by filling out the sponsor form at the back of church. If you prefer you can sponsor them by using the following Justgiving link www.justgiving.com/page/mark-holmes-stride. Half of the money raised comes to St Bart's and the other half goes to the Friends of Kent Churches to fund grants to churches in need of maintenance.

If you could help by greeting riders and striders at our church, please let the [office](#) know (523185). The times available are 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm, 4-5pm 5-6pm

HARVEST SUPPER AND QUIZ

Our Harvest Supper and Quiz evening is Saturday 28th September. Everyone is welcome to join us for a delicious 2-course home cooked supper, light hearted quiz and raffle. Arrive 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Suggested donation £15 per person. Please sign-up in church or let the office know if you are coming. Lifts available for those who aren't happy to drive after dark – contact one of the wardens.

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

Our friends at Loaves & Fishes are appealing in particular for tins of meatballs, hot dogs, chicken curry, sweetcorn, fruits and rice pudding. Also, pasta, biscuits, salt and pepper, soap, shower gel and sanitary towels. 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

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 incumbent, 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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-end (pg.1213); Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (pg.1010) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: Exodus 12:21-27; Luke 12:13-21

BCP Communion: Galatians 5:16-24; Luke 17:11-19 *(used on Wednesday morning)*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Lord, I come before your throne of grace; 2. When I call on your name I answer; 3. Eventhough I walk through the valley; 4. My lighthouse

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. Thou whose almighty word (NEH 466); 2. Round me falls the night (NEH 249); 3. Thy hand O God has guided (NEH 485)

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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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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

LEAVING CHURCH

SOMETIMES IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LEAVE AFTER A SERVICE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING SUCH A GREAT TIME. THESE ARE SOME OF THE TACTICS THAT THE CHURCHWARDENS ADOPT:



JANGLING KEYS



TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS



APPROACHING PEOPLE WITH A ROTA



ORGANISING A WORK PARTY



THE COMMENCEMENT OF A GROUP HUG



SOME ODD OR UNPREDICTABLE BEHAVIOUR