

St Bart's News – Sunday 29th September

18th Sunday after Trinity

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 29th September	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship with Healing (CW)
Wednesday 2nd October	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) followed by coffee
Sunday 6th October	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Harvest Festival All Together Worship
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 26th September	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 27th September	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 28th September	6.30pm	Harvest Supper and quiz (Church Centre)
Monday 30th September	2.00pm	CAMEO Bible Study (17 Leonard Avenue)
	3.00pm	Thanksgiving Service for Margaret Matthews – Otford Methodist Church
Thursday 3rd October	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 4th October	10.30am	Memorial service for Quentin Harker
	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 5th October	9.00am	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 Adie McCall and Revd Anne Bourne for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

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 the 8am and 10am Holy Communion services on **Sunday 27th October** will be said BCP Morning Prayer and CW Morning Worship respectively.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for those living outside of our parish who worship at St Bart's; and for the work of the Loaves and Fishes Foodbank. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets and Sarah. We remember the recently departed and in particular Margaret Matthews. We pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

The thanksgiving service for the life of Margaret Matthews will be taking place at Otford Methodist Church on 30th September at 3pm.

OFFICE OPENING The office will be open Monday, **Tuesday** 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 😊

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival service will be on **Sunday 6th October at 10am**. Harvest gifts, to go to the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, will be gratefully received at this service or any of our services on this day. Alternatively, you can drop goods in during this coming week and they can be used to decorate the church for harvest. Although Loaves and Fishes do not want fresh produce a little of this would add to the decorations.

Items required by the food bank are Spam, chicken casserole, beef ravioli, custard, vegetarian meals, instant coffee, tea bags, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, milk, jam, chocolate spread, peanut butter, men's grooming products, shower gel

The **Flower Team** will be preparing the church for Harvest on Friday 4th from 2pm and would welcome contributions of flowers or some money in memory of a loved one. If you would like to help please let Joan know.

PRAYER BREAKFAST.

Is on the 4th Sunday of each month at 8.45am, between our 8am and 10am services. Stay on after one service or come early for the other. Join us in thanksgiving for all God has given us, for all that he will do through us, and also to pray for the filling of our vacancy.

MEN'S GROUP OUTING.

The St. Barts Men's Group will be going clay pigeon shooting and for an evening curry on Saturday 19th of October. The Cost of the shooting is £35 for 25 cartridges including gun hire and tuition. This is open to those 15 or over. We will be leaving the church Car Park at 1:30 pm for a 2:00pm session at the ground in Sutton at Hone. We return late afternoon with the option of a pint at the Plough in Eynsford on our way home. The Curry is booked at the Tamarind in Kemsing for 6:30pm. If the weather permits, we'll be walking from the Church at 6:00 PM. Feel free to join us for a little or as much as you wish.

Numbers for both events need to be confirmed a week in advance so please make sure you book with Russell or Clive by Friday 11th of October. There is also a sign-up sheet in the church lobby or you can contact the [church office](#)

If you or members of your family are willing to provide lifts to and from the shooting or the curry they would be gratefully received.

POLICY IN RELATION TO DOGS IN CHURCH

After much discussion and review at various PCC meetings we now confirm that 'Fully Trained Assistance Dogs' are always welcome in Church. Well trained dogs are welcome to visit the Church with their owners 30 minutes either side of Services being held in Church.

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: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5:13-end (pg.1216); Mark 9:38-end (pg.1013) (used at 8.00am/10.00am)

Evensong: No service

BCP Communion: 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; Matthew 22:34-end (used on Wednesday morning)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. My heart is filled with thankfulness; 2. Faithful one; 3. How deep the Father's love; 4. Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

No service

COLLECT

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. 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

With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team

