

# St Bart's News – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Morning Prayer (CW)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	3.00pm	Messy Church (Church Centre)
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

### DIARY DATES

<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer (Holy Trinity RC Church)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.00pm	EPIC (Church Centre)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.30pm	YPF (Church Centre)
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2.00pm	CAMEO (Church Centre)
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
	8.00pm	Lent Course (details below)
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.30pm	YPF (Church Centre)

## NOTICEBOARD

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Following the announcement of Kelly Parsons as our Priest in Charge, we are please to inform you that her licencing will be on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. We will let you know more details regarding this service as they become available.

### 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 for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

### \*\*\* CHANGE TO SERVICES\*\*\*

9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 8am – this will be a service of Morning Prayer (CW). There will be the usual service of communion at 10am on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for those who wish to take communion on these days.

### OFFICE OPENING

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

### PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Rye Lane; and the work of the Church Mission Society. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, Keith Howe, Richard Hunt, Pam Ubee and Linda, We remember the recently departed, in particular Gwyneth Miller and for those who mourn her passing. We also remember the family and friends of those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

## **FUNERAL**

The funeral of Gwyneth Miller will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10am at Bluebell Crematorium, Knockholt.

## **LENT COURSE 2025 – ROOTED IN LOVE**

*Rooted in Love* offers reflections for Lent that lead us deeper into the meaning and practice of life in Christ today. Drawing on the collective wisdom of all the area bishops in the Diocese of London, we are led to grow as disciples and find ways to put God at the centre of your life every day.

The course will be led by Mags and Dawn on Zoom please see the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84993678992?pwd=sfMLrurf2IS7aQbfwLRtrRgCvHLZua.1>

Meeting ID: 849 9367 8992

Passcode: 188899

## **SOUP LUNCH**

17<sup>TH</sup> March, 12 noon, Vicki Howie will interview her sister Emily Newman about working for The King's Trust (formerly The Prince's Trust) and about driving tourists on safari throughout Africa! She has some WILD tales! Please sign the list in the church lobby

## **CHRISTIAN AID FRUGAL LUNCH.**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 12.30pm. St Mary's Church Centre, Kippington Road, TN13 2LL. Come and join us for our annual Christian Aid Frugal Lunch. Enjoy a simple Sunday lunch with friends - and please donate what you would have spent on your Sunday roast! Please let Jean Day know if you wish to attend at [day@kent2.co.uk](mailto:day@kent2.co.uk)

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

The flower rota for 2025 is on the noticeboard. If you feel you could put some flowers on both altars, perhaps in memory of a loved one, at any time during the year (except Lent) please sign the list. If you would like to know more, please speak with Joan Beacom.

## **PRAYER BREAKFAST.**

Our next Prayer Breakfast is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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 for sending Kelly to lead us and work with us.

## **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 😊

## **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 up to 30 minutes before a service starts and from 30 minutes after a service finishes.

## **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**

In particular at the moment the food bank is appealing for tins of tuna, chicken casserole, macaroni cheese, hot dogs, chilli con carne, beef curry, chicken curry, peas, sweet corn. Also, breakfast cereals (not cornflakes), rice, pasta sauce, UHT milk, biscuits, instant coffee, hot chocolate, vegetable oil, chocolate spread, marmite, shampoo, shower gel

If you wish to find out more about Loaves and Fishes or contact them please do so at [www.sevenoaksfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.sevenoaksfoodbank.co.uk) or at [sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com)

## PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE FILLING OF OUR VACANCY

Dear God our Father, we thank and praise you for the appointment of Kelly to be our new Priest in Charge. We thank you that you have answered our prayers and that she has answered your call. We pray for Kelly and Michael as they prepare to leave their home and the Kent Downs and Malling Team, and in their preparations to move into the Vicarage here in Otford. We pray that we will offer them a very warm welcome and together continue to do your work here in this parish. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and your blessings on Kelly and Michael, and on the whole church family. Amen.

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

**Sunday Morning:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13 (pg.1137); Luke 4:1-13 (pg.1030) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

**Evensong:** No Service

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

## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (BBC 146); 2. Forty days and forty nights (BBC 72); 3. O love how deep (BBC 71); 4. Go forth and tell (BBC 328)

## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

No Service

## COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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, 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. 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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Events	<a href="mailto:events@stbartholomews.co.uk">events@stbartholomews.co.uk</a>

## Social Media

Website [www.stbartholomews.co.uk](http://www.stbartholomews.co.uk)  
Facebook [StBartsOtford](https://www.facebook.com/StBartsOtford)  
Instagram [otford st barts](https://www.instagram.com/otford_st_barts)  
YouTube [StBarts Otford](https://www.youtube.com/StBartsOtford)  
A Church Near You [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19716/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19716/)

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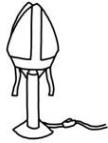
And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

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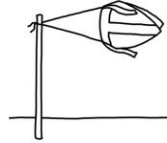
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