

St Bart's News – Sunday 19th May

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 19th May	8.00am	Morning Prayer (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday 22th May	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Saturday 25th May	1.30pm	Wedding of Ben Southgate and Jessica Prestage
Sunday 26th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 16th May	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 17th May	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice (Church)
Monday 20th May	2.00pm	CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)
	7.45pm	PCC with Communion (Church Centre)
Wednesday 22nd May	9.30am	First Steps (Methodist Hall)
Thursday 23rd May	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 24th May	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	4.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00pm	Choir Practice (Church)

NOTICEBOARD

PENTECOST SUNDAY – PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING RED TO OUR SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

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](#).

CHANGE OF SERVICE

Since last week's notices we are pleased to say Revd Anne Bourne has made herself available to take our 8am service this Sunday 19th May. We are very grateful to Anne for helping us out again.

THANKS

Our welcome and thanks to Revd Anne Bourne and Revd Adie McCall for taking our Sunday and Wednesday communion services.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Station Road; and for the work of Sevenoaks Counselling Service. We pray for those who are unwell, including Rosemary Hull, Gareth Tucker and Christine Humphrey. We remember the recently departed and in particular Barbara Till and Eunice Beasley; we pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

BARBARA TILL FUNERAL

Due to Barbara's family living overseas, the date for Barbara's funeral will be towards the very end of July. When the date and time have been confirmed we will post it in the notice sheet.

OFFICE OPENING

Monday, Wednesday and **Thursday** 9am- 12noon.

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 😊

CHURCHYARD FLOWER GARDEN

Jane Donaldson has been looking after the garden on the south-west corner of the church, between the tower and the south door for many years. Jane is looking for someone to work with her in maintaining the garden with a view to taking over the work in due course. If you are interested or know someone who might be (they needn't be a church goer), please contact the churchwardens or church office. Thank you.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

There will not be a prayer breakfast next Sunday 26th May. The next one will be on Sunday **23rd June** when we will hopefully have Archdeacon Sharon with us.

YOUTH WEEKEND – KENCH HILL

Our fun filled action packed youth weekend this year runs from 19th-21st July. Leaflets and consent forms are available for youngsters aged 8 and over from our youth leaders, in the church centre or [online](#). Deposits for the weekend as soon as possible please, and balance payments by 16th June. Any questions please talk to Dawn, Mags, Russell or Claire.

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

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

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 2:1-12 (Pg.1092); Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15(pg.1085) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

BCP Communion: Acts 2:1-11; John 14:15-end *(used on Wednesday morning)*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. Gift of God from God our Father (BBC 163) 2. Holy Spirit living breath of God (sheet); 3. Holy Spirit come confirm us (sheet)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. Come down, O love divine (NEH 137); 2. Come, thou Holy Spirit, come (NEH 139); Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire (NEH 138); Psalm 8

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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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And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

With every blessing,

The Wardens and
Ministry Team

