

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH FAIR

Saturday 17th June at 2.00 pm

Plans are progressing well for this year's Fair on The Green and surrounding area on Saturday, 17th June at 2.00 pm. If you can help in any way, please contact Margie Torry (524463) or the Church Office (523185).

Books: Books may be given to Marianne Bradnock, 928455 or left in the Church Office.

Bottles: Full bottles are required, please, to be left in the Church Office.

Cakes, biscuits, puddings and preserves: on the day to the Cake stall. Contact Hilary Fothergill, 524120 or Susan Reid, 523234.

Craft items: Any items may be given to Sylvia Grafton, 01732 452117.

New gifts: Mags Southgate, 524720.

Plants: Sue Stephenson, 523593 or on the day.

Raffle: If you have anything you could donate please leave it in the Church Office for Julie Hill.

Sweets, small toys or items suitable for children's prizes: to Christeen Malan, 522654.

Teas: Donations of small cakes and fruit cakes would be appreciated on the day. Please contact Joan Beacom, 524304. Also we are looking for offers of help on the day to serve and wash up.

Toys, DVD's, CDs: Margie Torry, 524463.

Unwanted Gifts: Mags Southgate, 524720.

White Elephant: Items for Heather Stanley, 523194 or they can be left in the Church Office.

New for this year: a BBQ will be available from 1.00 pm.

Contact Christeen Malan, 522654 with entries for the Children's Art competition with the theme "Fairy Tales" for age groups 7-11 and under 7's.

Bring your most beautiful rose by 2.30 pm on the day of the Fair and enter the Single Rose competition (entry 50p), open to all.

Programmes, giving information about the Fair, are on sale in all roads in the village from the beginning of June, price **£1 per programme, the first increase in 17 years!**

Assistance with the setting up and clearing away will be particularly welcome.

DO COME AND SUPPORT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH FAIR ON SATURDAY 17th JUNE.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 25th June Visit by Faith Gordon at 8 & 10 am

CMS Mission Partner

Sunday 2nd July 10 am Sunday Club Celebration service

12.30 pm Parish BBQ, Vicarage Garden

Sunday 16th July 3.00 pm Messy Church

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Jim Simmons and Jenny Cunningham will be confirmed at a service at All Saints Church, Orpington, on Sunday, 25th June at 6 pm. Please remember them in your prayers as they take this significant step in their faith.

REDECORATION AND RE-ORDERING UPDATE

There will be a planning hearing (officially known as a Consistory Court) on Friday, 16th June at 9.30 am in church. The Church Centre will also be in use on this day.

USE OF A VAN

For a small charge, Andrew Hill is willing to do removals/transport on Sunday, 18th June, using the van that has been hired for the Church Fair the day before. If you are interested, please call Andrew on 01732 469538 (no tip runs).

OTFORD JUNIOR CHOIR

The new group formed for young people, aged 9 or over, to enjoy some fun learning to sing, will meet on Sunday, 25th June, 3.00-4.00 pm in the Church Centre. This will be the last session for this term.

OPEN GARDEN AT BISHOPSCOURT

The garden at Bishopscourt will be open on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June, 1.00-5.00 pm as part of the National Garden Scheme. Teas, delicious homemade cakes and a plant sale. Entry £3 (children free). Disabled access to most of the garden. Bishopscourt, 24 St. Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS. Enquiries to bridget.langstaff@btinternet.com

YOUTH WEEKEND AT KENCH HILL, TENTERDEN IN JULY

St. Bart's will be running a youth weekend from 7th-9th July for 8-18 year olds. The cost will be £40. This year we will be going to Kench Hill, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 7DG. For further information, please contact Dawn, Russell or Mags.

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WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 11th June 2017

Trinity Sunday

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

At the communion services, all who are confirmed or who are full members of other churches are welcome to receive Communion. All others, adults and children, are invited to come forward for a blessing.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion

Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar

10.00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Margaret Lidbetter

Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar

Hymns: 170, 219, 357, 177

12 noon Baptism of James Peters

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Church Centre afterwards

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

In our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents in The Butts and for the work of Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust.

OFFERTORY ARRANGEMENTS

There is no plate collection in our services. Please place your offering in the box at the back of church for it to be presented and dedicated during the course of our worship. Thank you!

DAILY READINGS

| Day | Psalm | Old Testament | New Testament |
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| Mon | 100 | Jeremiah 9:23-24 | Acts 4:32-end |
| Tues | 5 | Job ch.8 | Romans 4:13-end |
| Weds | 119:1-32 | Job ch.9 | Romans 5:1-11 |
| Thurs | 15 | Job ch.10 | Romans 5:12-end |
| Fri | 19 | Job ch.11 | Romans 6:1-14 |
| Sat | 23 | Job ch.12 | Romans 6:15-end |

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

Today, Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the fullness of God's revelation of himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end (page 724 OT)

The prophet proclaims the mighty power of the Lord as the creator of all. In him is found all wisdom and knowledge. He is ever beyond our full comprehension. And yet God is not aloof from us. Rather, as we turn to him, we will find renewed strength and purpose.

2 Corinthians 13:11-end (page 1167 NT)

Paul's conclusion to this second letter to the Corinthians contains one of few direct references in the New Testament to the Trinitarian nature of God. We experience him through his grace, love and inclusive fellowship.

Matthew 28:16-end (page 1001 NT)

In the Great Commission given by Jesus to the apostles prior to his ascension, he commands them to make disciples of all nations, and to baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This Trinitarian formula is still used in all Christian baptisms today. It is by participating in the Trinity that we are caught up in the inexpressible wonder of the life of God.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 12th June

Vicar's off-duty day

7.45 pm Homegroup (17 Leonard Avenue)

Tuesday 13th June

9.00 am Morning Prayer

8.00 pm Readers and Revs. meeting
(Riverside House, Shoreham)

Wednesday 14th June

10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 15th June

9.00 am Morning Prayer

7.30 pm Confirmation Group (The Vicarage)

7.45 pm Bellringing practice

Friday 16th June

9.00 am Prayer Group

9.30 am Consistory Court (in Church)

6.30 pm Help required to move tables, etc. for the Church Fair

8.00 pm Choir practice

Saturday 17th June

2.00 pm St. Bartholomew's Church Fair (The Green and surrounding areas)

NEXT SUNDAY - 18th June

The First Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion

Leader and Preacher: The Vicar
Preacher: Bill Lattimer

10.00 am Morning Worship and baptism of Henry Jacob Cooper

Leader and Preacher: The Vicar
All-Age talk: Dawn Hallam

6.30 pm Evensong

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