

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH FAIR

A big 'thank you' to those who worked so hard yesterday to make the Fair such a successful event. Thanks, too, to those who came to support the Fair and enjoy the afternoon. The financial result will be published next week.

FAITH GORDON, CMS MISSION PARTNER

We welcome as our preacher at the 8.00 and 10.00 am services next Sunday, 25th June, Faith Gordon, our CMS Mission Partner working in Brazil.

MAGAZINES

Magazines for July/August will be available from the end of this week. Please note that this magazine is a single issue for the summer.

Material for the September magazine should be sent to the Parish Office, st.bartholomews@otford.net by Thursday, 10th August.

SUNDAY CLUB CELEBRATION SERVICE

This takes place on Sunday, 2nd July at the 10.00 am service when the three Sunday Club groups will be contributing to different parts of the service. There will continue to be basic provision for children on all the Sundays throughout the summer weeks.

PARISH SUMMER BBQ - 2nd JULY - 12.30 pm

You are warmly invited to our Parish Summer BBQ at The Vicarage on Sunday, 2nd July at 12.30 pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church so we know how many to cater for. We will be providing the BBQ and we invite those with the surnames A-K to bring salads and savouries and those with surnames L-Z to bring a pudding. This is an event for everyone in St. Bart's and we hope you will be able to come.

OTFORD JUNIOR CHOIR

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

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun. 2nd July 10.00 am Sunday Club Celebration
Service
12.30 pm Parish BBQ

Thurs 13th July 7.30 pm Men's Group Walk
Sun. 16th July 3.00 pm Messy Church
(Church Centre)

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Jim Simmons and Jenny Cunningham will be confirmed at a service at All Saints Church, Orpington, next Sunday, 25th June at 6.00 pm. Please remember them in your prayers as they take this significant step in their faith.

OPEN GARDEN AT BISHOPSCOURT

The garden at Bishopscourt will be open today, 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

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.

NAME BADGE SUNDAYS

Name badges will be available at the back of church to wear on the next three Sundays - 25th June, 2nd & 9th July. If you don't have a badge yet, blank cards for you to write on will be available on the table at the back.

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WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 18th June 2017

The First Sunday after Trinity

Fathers' Day

COLLECT

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers and,
because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**
 Leader and Celebrant: The Vicar
 Preacher: Bill Lattimer
- 10.00 am Morning Worship and baptism of Henry Cooper**
 Leader and Preacher: The Vicar
- 6.30 pm Evensong**
 Leader and Preacher: Bill Lattimer

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Church Centre after the 10 am Service

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for the **residents in The Charne and for the work of Hospices of Hope.**

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 |
|-------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| Mon | 30 | Job ch.13 | Romans 7:1-6 |
| Tues | 36 | Job ch.14 | Romans 7:7-end |
| Weds | 34 | Job ch.15 | Romans 8:1-11 |
| Thurs | 37 | Job 16:1-17:2 | Romans 8:12-17 |
| Fri | 31 | Job 17:3-end | Romans 8:18-30 |
| Sat | 149 | Malachi 3:1-6 | Luke 3:1-17 |

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

Exodus 19:2-8a (page 76 OT)

In the Gospel passage we read how Jesus had compassion on the crowds because they were like sheep without a shepherd. In this passage from Exodus, the Israelites, having just escaped from Egypt, also need guidance and compassionate leadership. God encourages Moses in this ministry. He is to reassure the Israelites of their place in God's purposes as a priestly kingdom and holy nation and they are to follow closely the Lord's commands.

Romans 5:1-8 (page 1132 NT)

After Trinity Sunday we now begin an extended series of readings from Paul's letter to the Romans. Whereas in other letters Paul tends to deal with issues specifically relating to each particular church, in his letter to the Romans Paul develops core aspects of his theology and teaching. In this excerpt, Paul sets out three wonderful truths: that we are justified by faith, that we are sustained by hope, and that we are held in God's love.

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (page 974 NT)

In this passage, we see how Jesus' ministry continues to develop as he travels throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching and healing. In this work he recruits the help of twelve disciples and he sends them out to proclaim the good news with the message, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." This work continues in each generation, and words of Jesus still ring true: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." We all have a part to play in this.

VERSES FOR THE WEEK

Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:3-5

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 19th June

Vicar's off-duty day
 7.45 pm Discussion (58 High Street)

Tuesday 20th June

9.00 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 21st June

9.30 am 'First Steps' (Oxford Free Church, Pilgrims Way West)
 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) coffee afterwards
 7.45 pm PCC meeting (Church Centre)

Thursday 22nd June

9.00 am Morning Worship
 7.45 pm Bellringing Practice

Friday 23rd June

9.00 am Prayer group
 8.00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 24th June

7.30 pm Confirmation Group

NEXT SUNDAY - 25th June

The Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader and Celebrant: The Vicar
 Preacher: Faith Gordon, CMS

10.00 am Holy Communion

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3-4.00 pm Oxford Junior Choir (Church Centre)