

HAPPY EASTER

Richard and Donna wish you all a joyful and blessed Easter!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who have cleaned the altar brasses, silver and the linen. Many thanks to all involved in our Holy Week and Easter worship and the preparation of these services. Special thanks to our Churchwardens, Margaret and Russell; to the sidespeople, to Kevin Grafton and our Choir, to Bobby Fairclough and the Bellringers, and to Susan and Clive in the Church Office.

PILGRIMAGE - A CONCERT OF CHORAL MUSIC BY VOCE VOICES OF CAMBRIDGE ENSEMBLE

Saturday 21st April, 7.30 pm

We are delighted to welcome back this group of former choral scholars (including choir member Mark Holmes) from Trinity College, Cambridge and friends who will sing music from across the centuries.

Do come with your friends to hear this talented choir on a Spring evening in our newly refurbished church! Tickets available from the Church Office, price £15.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Each Spring we update our Electoral Roll (church membership list). We encourage all who worship at St. Bartholomew's to be on the Electoral Roll. If your name is not yet included and you would like to join, please pick up a form from the refreshment table at the back of the Church Centre or from the Church Office and return it to the Vicar or to the Church Office. **Deadline is TODAY!**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This takes place on **Sunday, 22nd April**. The Vicar will give his address as part of the 8 and 10.00 am services, and this will be followed at 11.30 am by the presentation of the reports and annual accounts and elections. If you would like to be nominated as a member of the Parochial Church Council, please inform the Vicar or the Churchwardens. The APCM will conclude with a bring and share lunch in the Church Centre at 1.00 pm - please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

SIDESMEN AND SIDESWOMEN

The APCM is the time when we elect the sidesmen/sideswomen for the coming year. We should be grateful if anybody not at present on the list, who would be willing to serve as a sidesman/sideswoman, could contact one of the Churchwardens. Similarly, if any of the existing sidesmen/sideswomen wish to stand down, please let the Churchwardens know before the meeting on 22nd April.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sun. 22nd April The Annual Parochial Church meeting
11.30 am followed by lunch in the
Church Centre at 1.00 pm
- Sun 29th April Services resume in Church
- Sun. 6th May Commemoration of Departed Loved Ones,
3.00 pm in Church
- Sun.13th May Civic Service, 10.00 am
- Sun. 10th June Re-ordering Celebration Service, 10 am

COMPLETION OF RE-ORDERING AND REDECORATION

Sunday 29th April

Bakers of Danbury have been making excellent progress and we are now aiming to be back in church for congregational services on Sunday 29th April. This weekend coincides with the 10th anniversary of Richard's installation and induction as Vicar of St. Bart's. You are invited for some special refreshments in the Church Centre after the 10 am service.

RE-ORDERING CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday 10th June, 10 am

There will be a special service to celebrate the re-ordering and redecoration on Sunday 10th June at 10 am, to which we are inviting all those who have played a part in helping us to bring this project to successful completion.

AN EVENING WITH TERRY WAITE

Saturday 19th May, 6.30 pm

To mark the completion of our re-ordering and redecoration project, we will be welcoming Terry Waite to Otford for a special evening on Saturday 19th May at 6.30 pm when he will be in conversation with former BBC broadcaster, Nick Page. This will be followed by a reception with canapes and Terry's books will be available to be bought and signed.

Tickets for this evening are now available from the Church Office and Joan Beacom, price £20.

As the international envoy for the Archbishop of Canterbury during the 1980s, Terry Waite successfully negotiated the release of British hostages, first from Iran and then from Libya. Then, when trying to do the same in Lebanon he was himself taken captive and held for nearly five years, most of that time in solitary confinement.

MAGAZINES

Material for the May magazine should be sent to the Parish Office, st.bartholomews@otford.net by Tuesday, 10th April.

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WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 1st April 2018

EASTER DAY

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

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 Easter Holy Communion**
 Leader: Margaret Lidbetter
 Preacher: and Celebrant The Vicar
- 10.00 am Easter All Together Holy Communion**
 Leader: Dawn Hallam
 Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar
- Hymns are printed in the service booklet
- 6.30 pm Festal Evensong for Easter**
 Leader: The Vicar
 Preacher: Revd. Chris Reed

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

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

In our cycle of prayer, we pray for the work of **The Children's Society**.

OFFERTORY ARRANGEMENTS

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

DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	111	Exodus 12:1-14	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Tues	112	Exodus 12:14-36	1 Corinthians 15:12-19
Weds	113	Exodus 12:37-end	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Thurs	114	Exodus 13:1-16	1 Corinthians 15:29-34
Fri	115	Exodus 13:17-14:14	1 Corinthians 15:35-50
Sat	116	Exodus 14:15-end	1 Corinthians 15:51-end

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

Acts 10:34-43 (page 1104 NT)

Peter sets out a succinct summary of the Christian message - the baptism of Jesus, his ministry in Galilee and Jerusalem, his death and then his resurrection to new life. The disciples were witnesses of this and now they have been given the charge to preach this message to all. There is the joyful prospect of a new relationship with God through faith, characterized by forgiveness and reconciliation.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (page 1155 NT)

Paul reminds the Corinthian congregation of the heart of the Gospel, that is, the death and resurrection of Jesus, according to the Scriptures. Christ's death deals with our sins; his resurrection gives us the hope of eternal life. Paul affirms the truth of this by listing the resurrection appearances of Jesus, to the apostles and other disciples, and also to Paul himself.

John 20:1-18 (page 1089 NT)

On the first Easter morning Mary discovers that the stone has been rolled away from the tomb. Peter and John find that the tomb is empty. They return to their homes, but Mary lingers, and it is to her that Jesus first appears. She initially mistakes him for the gardener, but then her bewilderment is turned to joy when he calls her name. Mary hurries to share the good news of the risen Lord with the disciples.

VERSES FOR THE WEEK

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

There will be no Morning Prayer this week. This will resume on Tuesday 10th April

Monday 2nd April: Bank Holiday

Vicar's off-duty day

7.45 pm CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)

Wednesday 4th April

10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd. Chris Reed

Friday 6th April

7.30 pm Bellringing practice

8.00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 7th April

9.00 am Churchyard Working Party

NEXT SUNDAY - 8th April The Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Bill Lattimer

Preacher and Celebrant: Revd. Dennis Mihill

10.00 am Holy Communion

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