

ST BART' NEWS – SUNDAY 17th March

5th Sunday in Lent

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 17 th March	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday 20 th March	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 24 th March	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Palm Sunday Service on The Green

DIARY DATES

Thursday 14 th March	8.00pm	Lent Course 4 (Zoom details below)
Friday 15 th March	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
	7.00pm	James Cary one man show - Water into Wine (Methodist Church)
Saturday 16 th March	12.00pm	Soup Lunch (Church Centre)
Monday 18 th March	2.00pm	Cameo Bible (17 Leonard Avenue)
	8.00pm	PCC (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Lent Course 5 (Zoom details below)
Thursday 21 st March	12.00pm	Thanksgiving Service for Nicola Jackson
Friday 22 nd March	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice

NOTICEBOARD

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](#).

THANKS

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

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Ryecroft Road; and for the work of Arocha . We pray for those who are unwell, including Rosemary Hull, Gareth Tucker, Nancy Jönsson, Christine Humphrey, Keith Howe, and Navdeep Singh Kandola. We remember the recently departed especially Colin Beacom; we pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

SYLVIA GRAFTON

We are pleased to inform you that monies collected for The Children's Society in memory of Sylvia have totalled £3,245.90. This is truly a reflection of the love and high regard in which Sylvia was held. Thank you to all who donated so generously.

LENT COURSE

Please join us for our Lent Course (via Zoom) beginning on Thursday 22nd February, 8pm and running for 5 sessions. At this year's course we will use Tom Wright's book *Lent and Easter for Everyone* to help us relive Christ's journey - from his temptations in the wilderness to the darkness of the cross and beyond into the glory of Easter.

Here are the joining details for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85984483230?pwd=Ga2PNzZShmpm9LhlRrzDd8pDIAkaa8.1>

Meeting ID: 859 8448 3230

Passcode: 611930

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

The annual spring clean of the church is on the morning of Saturday 23rd March from 9am. If you could spare an hour or so to help give the church a good clean it would be much appreciated. If it is more convenient to offer a little time during the week before, we would be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time with you. Many hands make light work 😊

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, 24th March is Palm Sunday. Instead of our usual 10am service we will be joining our friends from the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches in Otford for a united service on The Green (or in St Bart's if wet) at 11am. Please do join us for this special service and act of witness at the beginning of Holy Week. All are welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please talk to Joan Beacom either at a church service or by calling her on 01959 467675.

THE VICARAGE

Some will have heard that there has been substantial water damage at the vicarage. The diocese are taking steps to dry the affected areas and will make good these areas once the drying process is complete.

A DATE FOR YOUR 2024 DIARY: MARCH 16TH

James Cary, the man behind 'The God Particle' and 'A Turbulent Priest' performed at Otford Methodist Church and at St. Barts in 2018/19, is returning to Otford with his one man show '**Water into Wine**' on Saturday March 16th at OMC. James is a committed Christian and an award-winning sitcom writer for TV & radio. He manages to combine both the serious and the humorous in his presentations. This one, which explores the miraculous activity of Jesus recorded in John's Gospel, can only be described as 'stand-up theology' but don't let this put you off! Tickets may be bought and more information found at the [Otford Methodist Church](#) website. There are also tickets available at St Bart's Church Office £10 for adults £5 for under 18's

SOUP LUNCH

Our next soup lunch will be on Monday 18th March, at noon, in the Church Centre. Our coffee-time speaker will be Elizabeth Miller, a local author. Please sign the list in the church lobby or contact the church office if you would like to come. (suggested donation £6.50)

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our monthly prayer breakfast is on the 4th Sunday in the month, 8.45am in the Church Centre. The next one will be on Sunday 24th March.

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. **If you have any used Easter cards please drop them off at the church office for upcycling.** 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

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are served in the Church Centre after our 10am service. Please sign up on the new rota next to the serving hatch in the Church Centre if you can help, there are spaces to fill 😊

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

Sunday Morning Services: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10 (pg.1204); John 12:20-33 (pg.1080) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: Romans 5:5-10; Luke 22:1-13

BCP Communion: Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:46-end *(used on Wednesday morning)*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING *(hymn in italics omitted if there is a choir anthem)*

1. Jesus is King (BBC 126); 2. To the name that brings salvation (BBC 257); 3. We sing the praise of him who died (BBC 97)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. Glory be to Jesus (NEH 83); 2. There is a green hill far away (NEH 92); 3. My song is love unknown (NEH 86 omit v6).
Psalm 119:1-1. Canticles: Cantate domino; Deus misereatur.

COLLECT

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

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

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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EVENING at the latest

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team

