

THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



ST BART'S NEWS

SUNDAY, MAY 9th: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Services this week

Sunday, May 9th:	8.00am – Holy Communion
	10.00am – Holy Communion – in church AND online <i>with talk for children and young people on our website plus children's activities in the church centre</i>
Wednesday, May 12th:	10.00am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, May 16th:	8.00am – Holy Communion
	10.00am – Morning Worship – in church AND online



Diary Dates (for note and prayer)

Sunday, May 9th:	6.30pm - Deanery Confirmation Service, Platt 7.00pm—YPF via Zoom (for Year 9 and above - contact church office for details)
Monday, May 10th:	7.45pm - ministry team meeting
Thursday, May 13th:	Ascension Day
Saturday, May 15th:	10.00am – pop-up stall, Church Hall
Monday, May 17th:	8.00pm – PCC (preceded by Communion)
Thursday, May 20th:	7.30pm – Vicar and Wardens meeting
Saturday, May 29th:	10.00am – pop-up stall, Church Hall

NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Please register via the church office to attend our Sunday services (by Thursday noon) or our 10am Wednesday BCP Communion (by Monday noon) by calling the office number on Monday-Friday mornings only or emailing. Our 10am Sunday service will remain livestreamed as well as being in person.

CHURCH/OFFICE OPENING

The church is open for private prayer (and foodbank donations) at the same time as the office opening hours, on Mondays –Fridays 9am–11.30am. You will have to press the intercom button in the foyer if you need to see someone in the office. You **MUST** wear a face covering and use hand sanitiser when you visit the church.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer** we pray for the residents of Leonard Avenue and for the work of Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust. We pray too for the deanery confirmation service at Platt this evening. We pray for those who are unwell, including Marion & Peter Venables, Suzanne Davis, Sian Springer and David Crawley and remember the recently departed, including Sally Gunn and Martin Devereau. Daily prayers are available on our website and also published on our social media pages.

LIVE STREAMED SERVICES

Our live streamed services are now on our new **YouTube channel** “StBarts Otford” (link on our website homepage)

FLOWER ROTA

Thank you to those who have signed the flower rota - on the notice board at the back of the church - there are still some gaps, so if you are willing to arrange some flowers on the two altars please either let me know or sign up. *Joan*

MADE IN OTFORD

Don't forget to check our online marketplace – new items are being added regularly. Latest additions include lots of vegetables to grow at home and summer bedding plants: www.madeinotford.org

BANK HOLIDAY BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Many thanks to everyone who organised, helped at or visited our book and bake sale on Monday – the event raised more than £865 for church funds.

POP-UP STALLS

We will be running **pop-up stalls** fortnightly up to the end of June then weekly from mid-July on Saturday mornings outside the church hall. Most of these will have a specific theme and we will include bakes at each, so please do continue to bake cakes, biscuits, crumbles, jams and the like. On May 15th there will be sewn and knitted goods on sale, so please get crafty and let us have items for that – everything needs to be new and handmade. We could do with help setting up at around 8.30am and taking down about noon, help on the stalls, After that date there will be tidal treasures and furniture on May 29th; CDs, DVDs, Playstation games, etc on June 12th; plants on June 26th; and “regifted” items on July 17th.

HARVEST BARN DANCE

SAVE THE DATE! We will be holding a Barn Dance as a "fun and fundraiser" on October 2nd (our Harvest Festival weekend) in the Village Hall. While this is some way off please put the date in your diary now - and start practising those dosidos, swat the fleas and grand chains!

ZOOM COFFEE

Join us for **Zoom coffee & chat** after church at 11.30am on Sundays.

Either online: <https://zoom.us/j/96153119326?pwd=b0xwOXRpdWVHUWxJRdNMGMNVVJKUT09>

Meeting ID: 961 5311 9326, Passcode: 103638 **or** phone in on 0208 080 6591 with the same ID/code

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY:

BCP Communion (5th Sunday after Easter): James 1.22-27; John 16.23-33

Common Worship Communion: Acts 10.44-48; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

SONGS FOR SUNDAY

Hymn 1: Love divine

Hymn 2: O Jesus I have promised

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR ASCENSION DAY

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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Day off this week: Tuesday

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