

THE PARISH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, OTFORD



ST BART'S NEWS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st : TRINITY 9

Services this week

Sunday, August 1st:	8.00am – Holy Communion
	10.00am – All Together Worship – in church AND online
	6.30pm - Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday, August 4th :	10.00am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday, August 8th :	8.00am – Holy Communion
	10.00am – Holy Communion – in church AND online
	Noon - Baptism of Zack Bryant



Diary Dates (for note and prayer)

Sunday, August 1st:	2.00pm -	Otford Society picnic, Palace Field
Wednesday, August 4th:	8.00pm -	Mission, Ministry and Growth Committee meeting
Saturday, August 7th:	9.30am -	churtyard working party
	10.00am -	pop up stalls, Church Hall
Monday, August 9th:	Noon -	Mothers' Union pilgrimage visit for Mary Sumner Day
	7.45pm -	ministry team meeting

NOTICEBOARD

SERVICES IN CHURCH

We are recommending that anyone coming to church continues to wear a face covering. We are assessing the best way to seat people safely to avoid unnecessary anxiety, but there will be no need to register for services. If you wish to sing you will have to wear a face covering. We will review the situation at the end of August. Our 10am Sunday service will remain livestreamed as well as being in person.

OFFICE OPENING

The church office is closed for two weeks from August 9th. Emails and answering messages will be checked.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

We offer **Sunday Club** in the church centre on all Sundays bar the first of the month when we have All Together Worship. For the time being children will go straight to the centre rather than coming into church first.

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer** we pray for the residents of Shinecroft and for the work of Pursue. We pray for those who are unwell, including Peter Venables, David Crawley, and Pat Downing and remember the recently departed, including David Matthews and Marion Venables, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at around this time. 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 and in the contacts box on this sheet)

COFFEE AND CHAT

We offer **tea/coffee** in/outside the church centre after our 10am Sunday service. Please follow the directions given by sidespeople when the service ends if you wish to stay.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Our monthly **churtyard working party** meets on Saturday August 7th from 9.30-11.30am. Please bring your own tools. If unable to come on a Saturday you are welcome at other times.

POP-UP STALLS

Our next fortnightly **pop-up stalls** outside the Church Hall is on August 7th for Wood 'n' Bitz then special occasions on August 21st. Please note the switch of dates. There will be bakes/produce on sale every time and these can be brought along on the day in bags or containers.

OTFORD SOCIETY PICNIC

The Otford Society invite you and your family to a picnic behind Otford Palace today at 2.30pm. Bring your rug and your chairs, some sandwiches and a thermos. Every resident of the village is welcome for an afternoon of family relaxation and fun, including a 'Guess the Name of the Tiger' competition and the chance to win a family prize for the best princess or knight costume for those who feel like dressing up: <https://otfordsociety.org.uk/theres-a-picnic-at-the-palace-and-everyone-is-welcome>

SUMMER FAIR

Our annual summer fair is this year being held on the afternoon of Saturday, September 4th. We will need help setting up on the Friday afternoon, the Saturday morning, and then clearing up afterwards, especially as a number of our regular helpers will be away! If you can assist please let the office or the wardens know.

JANET RAYNOR THANKSGIVING

There will be a service of Thanksgiving for Janet Raynor, a former tower captain here, on Saturday 4th September at 3.00pm at Seal St Lawrence Church, Church, Stone Street, Sevenoaks TN15 0LL followed by a BBQ in the school field opposite. Please tell us if you would like to attend and if you would like to stay for the BBQ for catering numbers either by email davidraynor1964@hotmail.com or call 01732 465965 and leave a message

STORIES OF CATS

Revd David is hosting this year's Stories of Cats conference at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday, August 7th, from 10am. This purr-fect event for all cat lovers includes talks, music and poetry. Tickets for £18 from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southwark-cathedral-and-hodge-the-cathedral-cat-presents-stories-of-cats-tickets-156171604473>

RIDE AND STRIDE

The annual Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride event this year takes place on Saturday, September 11th from 10am – 6pm. You are invited to cycle or walk around Kent churches raising money through sponsorship from the Friends and for your own church (money is equally divided). You can find further information and download sponsor forms at www.kentrideandstride.co.uk

READINGS FOR SUNDAY:

BCP Communion: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 16.1-9 (*we use these readings at our Wednesday service*)

CW Communion: Exodus 16.2-4.9-15; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me
shall not hunger,
and whoever believes
in me shall never thirst."
John 6:35

