

ST BART' NEWS - SUNDAY 28th January

4th Sunday of Epiphany – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 28th January	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Christingle Service
	6.30pm	Candlemas Evensong
Wednesday 31st January	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	2.00pm	Funeral of Sylvia Grafton
Sunday 4th February	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	All Together Worship
	6.30pm	Candlemas Evensong

DIARY DATES

Thursday 25th January	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 26th January	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 27th January	6.30 for 7pm	Burns Night Supper (Church Centre)
Sunday 28th January	8.45am	Prayer Breakfast
Monday 29th January	2.00pm	Cameo (Church Centre)

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](#).

HOLY COMMUNION

At our **Communion services** we offer bread and wine. At our main services, the priest will either drop a wafer into your hand and you move on to an assistant who will offer the chalice OR you can receive a wafer dipped in the wine. Please make it clear which you would prefer. We offer intinction for health reasons so please do not dip a wafer into a chalice yourself.

*** CHANGE TO SERVICES***

On **Sunday 28th at 6.30pm** we will be holding our popular evensong for Candlemas where, along with the turning off of the crib light, we will bless the candles to be used in church during the coming year. Please join us if you can.

THANKS

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

PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of The Old Walk; and for the work of The Bible Society . We pray for those who are unwell, including Rosemary Hull and Gareth Tucker. We remember the recently departed especially Sylvia Grafton and Sue Parker; we pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

FUNERAL OF SYLVIA GRAFTON

The funeral for Sylvia will take place on Wednesday 31st January at 2.00pm, at St Bartholomews. Please continue to remember Kevin and the family in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

If you have a Children's Society collection box, could you please return it to the church office. The contents will be counted, and the box returned to you in due course. Thank you to all who support the Children's Society in this way.

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 this Sunday **28th January**.

BURNS' NIGHT SUPPER

We will be holding our ever-popular Burns' Night supper this Saturday 27th January 6.30 for 7pm in the Church Centre. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby if you wish to come.

CHRISTINGLE CANDLES

We will be holding our Christingle service this Sunday 28th January 10am (Candlemas). Please take a Christingle Candle collecting box to fill, and then return it at this service. Monies collected will go to the work of The Children's Society

FROM THE CARD STALL

The card stall would again appreciate donations of new, unused Christmas cards that can be repackaged and sold at the November 2024 Christmas market. We are also collecting used Christmas cards that can be cut into gift tags or used to make into recycled new cards and clear plastic wallets to put the new items in. Any donations can be placed in the box in the church entrance lobby until the end of January. Thank you.

FLOWER ROTA

The new rota for arranging altar flowers is up on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please sign up if you can. If you would like to know more about doing church flowers, please speak with Joan Beacom

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. 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.

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 😊

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

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

Sunday Morning Services: Malachai 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-end (pg.1202); Luke 2:22-40 (pg.1028) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: Special readings for Candlemas

BCP Communion: 1 Corinthians 9:24-end; Matthew 20:1-16 *(used on Wednesday morning)*

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

1. The orange of Christingle ; 2. Like a candle flame; 3. It's rounded like an orange; 4. Shine, Jesus, shine

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. Christ whose glory fills the skies (NEH 234); 2. Hail to the Lord who comes (NEH 157); 3. Sing how the age-long promise (NEH 156); 4. Faithful vigil ended (NEH 44)

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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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And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

CHURCH CLEANING

THE PERILS OF OVER-ZEALOUSNESS

With every blessing,

The Wardens and Ministry Team



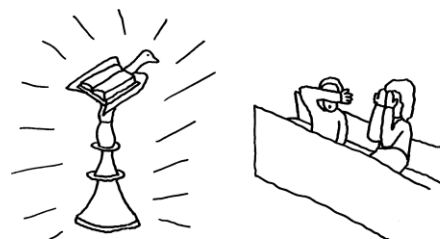
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SLIDING HYMNBOOKS



SLIPPERY COLLECTION PLATES



DAZZLING BRASSWORK