

St Bart's News – Sunday 21st April

4th Sunday of Easter

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 21st April	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wednesday 17th April	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 28th April	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 18th April	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 19th April	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday 20th April	6.00pm	Beetle Drive (Church Centre) – details below
Monday 22nd April	2.00pm	CAMEO Bible Study (17 Leonard Avenue)
Wednesday 24th April	9.30am	First Steps (Oxford Methodist Hall)
Thursday 25th April	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 26th April	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday 27th April	12noon	Interment of Ashes – Dennis Mooney

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 Oxford](#) or [church website](#).

THANKS

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

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 Rosemary Hull, Gareth Tucker, Christine Humphrey, Keith Howe, and Navdeep Singh Kandola. We remember the recently departed and in particular David Hallam and Eunice Beasley; we pray for those who mourn their passing. We also remember those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

OFFICE OPENING

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am- 12noon.

POP-UP STALLS

We are now collecting books for our Book & Bake sale on Monday 6th May. Please look out any PAPERBACK books for all ages which you no longer need. No hardback books please.

BEETLE DRIVE

We will be holding a Beetle Drive on **Saturday April 20th**, 5.45 for 6pm start. Pizza will be provided and the ice cream bar will be open. Please bring your own drinks. There will be prizes in three age groups; primary school, secondary school and everyone else. Please sign up on the list in the church lobby noting any dietary requirements. Alternatively, you can let the church office know.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Our APCM will be taking place following our 10am service on **Sunday 28th April at 11.30am** (followed by lunch). All are invited to join us for this meeting. If you wish to join us for lunch please sign the list in the church lobby or let the [church office](#) know

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 April**.

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 to which all are welcome. If you could help with serving coffee, please sign up on the new rota next to the serving hatch in the Church Centre, 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: Acts 4:5-12 (Pg.1095); 1 John 3:16-end; John 10:11-18 (pg.1076) *(used at 8.00am/10.00am)*

Evensong: Exodus 16:4-15; John 6:30-40

BCP Communion: 1 Peter 2:11-17; John 16:16-22 *(used on Wednesday morning)*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

1. God of mercy, God of grace (BBC 227); 2. God is working his purpose out (BBC 174); 3. Forth in the peace of Christ we go (BBC 358)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING

1. The strife is o'er (NEH 119); 2. The Lord is risen indeed (NEH 118); 3. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (NEH 124); Psalm 148

COLLECT

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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>

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Please contact the [Office](#) regarding baptisms, weddings, funerals or requests for home communions

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Please send any notices for inclusion to st.bartholomews@otford.net by **TUESDAY EVENING at the latest**

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

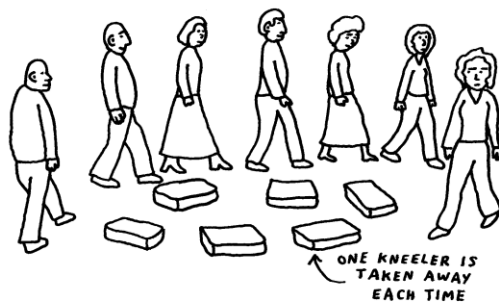
GAMES

SUITABLE FOR CHURCH PARTIES

With every blessing,

The Wardens and
Ministry Team

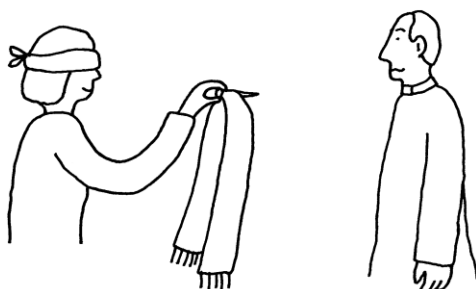
MUSICAL PRAYERS



PASS THE COLLECTION PLATE



PIN THE STOLE ON THE VICAR



THAT ONE WHERE YOU DRESS UP
IN A CASSOCK AND BIRETTA
(AND EAT CHOCOLATE WITH A KNIFE AND FORK)

