

St. Bartholomew's Church, Otford

Parish Prayer Diary – April 2024

“He is not here, He is risen” - “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

Please pray and give thanks for:

1. Easter Monday – for those organising the Cakes and Preserves Pop-Up Stall today – may it be well attended and enjoyable for all.
2. For our lay readers and all visiting clergy who have taken our Easter services during the current vacancy.
3. Those attending our Wednesday morning BCP Holy Communion service, and for coffee and fellowship afterwards.
4. The Otford Society, organising the Easter Bunny Trail this week – may all ages enjoy spotting Easter bunnies and carrots!
5. Kevin our organist, and for all members of the church choir who practise faithfully each week.
6. The Churchyard Working Party today – may they enjoy tidying up and making beautiful our churchyard and Garden of Remembrance.
7. On Low Sunday, give thanks for the musical gifts and talents of our band and choir, as they enhance our worship. Also for the residents of Saxon Close and for the work of Sevenoaks Counselling Service.
8. All involved in the Otford-Neufchatel-Hardelot Twinning Association as they enjoy their Social Gathering this evening.
9. All Otford Parish Councillors, those who work in the parish office, and also for all the willing Newsletter distributors.
10. Those known to us, suffering from debilitating and distressing illnesses and for all who support and care for them.
11. All past clergy in Otford, giving thanks for their inspiring ministry, as we await the suitable appointment of a new incumbent.
12. Paul, our Community Warden, giving thanks for his devoted service to Otford over the years – may he look forward to a long, healthy and happy retirement.
13. Dawn, Russell, Susanne and others who are involved in EPIC. May all our children and young people enjoy being together and learning more of God's love.
14. All who attend our services of Holy Communion today. Also for the residents of Sevenoaks Road and for the work of SAYT (Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust)
15. All teaching staff and children who are returning to school this week for the start of the Summer Term.
16. Our treasurer Heather, and all those on the Finance Committee as they meet this evening.
17. The many Aid agencies and charities working in war-torn regions of the world, providing hope and help to those in fear, pain and anguish.
18. Our loyal team of bell ringers as they meet each week to practise for Sunday services.
19. Those who organise and those who attend Warm Welcome today – may they enjoy their time together.

20. For the organisers and all who attend this evening's Beetle Drive – may they have a happy and fun time.
21. Those attending our various Sunday services today, and for YPF who meet to grow in friendship and faith each week. Also for the residents of Shinecroft and for the work of Pursue.
22. For all members of the Royal Family, especially for improved health, to enable them to fulfil their service to our country and Commonwealth.
23. St George's Day. Today we celebrate our Patron Saint of England, giving thanks for his example of courage and goodness.
24. For the organisers of First Steps, and for parents, grandparents, carers and little ones as they meet together today.
25. For our young couples preparing for the joy of their weddings at St. Bart's, over the coming weeks.
26. Janet, Joan – our churchwardens, all sidespeople and our tech. team as they oversee the smooth running of our church services.
27. For all who have recently been bereaved – may they find strength to face each day and be comforted in their sorrow.
28. For all who attend the many Sunday services taking place today, also the Prayer Breakfast, and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) followed by lunch. Also for the residents of Shoreham Road and for the work of CMS (Church Mission Society).
29. For all who attend CAMEO each week, for kind hospitality and for friendship.
30. For those attending the Otford Society AGM this evening, giving thanks for their hard work and enthusiasm within the village.