

# St Bart's News – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Service of Healing and Wholeness
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Sunday Club Celebration
	6.30pm	Evensong

### DIARY DATES

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	7.45pm	Bellringing
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	3.00pm	Wedding
	9.00am	Churchyard Working Party
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	12.30 for 1pm	Church BBQ (Vicarage Garden)
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm	Cameo bible Study (17 Leonard Ave)

## NOTICEBOARD



### VICARAGE MUSINGS

#### **The St Bart's church fair was a roaring success!**

It raised a good amount of those all-important funds that support the mission and ministry of St Barts and so much more. The atmosphere was one of fellowship and care for each other in the high temperatures, the feeling of community overflowing. There was so much to enjoy, Bell ringing, the Morris dancers and the Church band entertained us whilst good food and drink flowed throughout the afternoon. There was a range of stalls selling goods and games to try your luck at. Thank you to all who helped and supported the fair and especially to those who came along to support us on the day. I had some lovely conversations, and it was great to meet so many new people.

This Sunday at 10.00 we will be holding a Celebration of healing and Wholeness. Luke's Gospel this week will focus on the nature of discipleship. Acknowledging that to follow Jesus is not always the easy option. Jesus' journey is not a triumphant march, sweeping all resistance aside. It is a journey of love and grace. A grace that is so strong, so wide ranging, so surprising that some may find it shocking. Want to find out more ... come and join us.

During the service there will be an opportunity to respond to God's healing and wholeness. We can bring to God the things that we are carrying so that we do not carry them alone. We can also give to God the things that are not ours to carry. There will be the opportunity to receiving anointing and space for prayer. Please do contact me if you would some resources to participate online.

Take care and God bless,

Rev Kelly

### SERVICES IN CHURCH

Our **10.00am Sunday service** are livestreamed. You can access them via our YouTube channel [StBarts Otford](#) or [church website](#).

## CHURCH OPENING

The church will usually be open between 9am and 6pm. Dogs are welcome in the church except when services are in progress.

## REST DAY

Rev Kelly's rest day will normally be a Monday. Please bear this in mind when calling or wishing to make appointments with her.

## MORNING PRAYER



**There will be no Morning Prayer this Tuesday (1st).** Rev Kelly will usually say Morning Prayer on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am in church. She would be delighted to welcome anyone, for half an hour, who may wish to join her. If you can, please download for free the Daily Prayer App on your phone or tablet and bring this with you. Rev Kelly will be happy to advise on this. The office has a couple of tablets it can lend out for morning prayer.

The Daily Prayer App is an excellent resource to use either together at church or by yourself at home. There is a recording of Daily Prayer within the app so you can listen to it on headphones whilst walking the dog or sitting on the train.

## PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Warham Road and the work of SAYT. We pray for those who are unwell, including, Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, David Hubner, Penny Anderson, David and Alison Crawley, Margaret Parry, and Linda. We remember the recently departed, and in particular Keith Howe and Pam Ubee, and those who mourn their passing. We also remember the family and friends of those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time.

## HELP REQUIRED WITH AV

Could you offer help to maintain our live stream provision for those unable to get to church? We are looking for volunteers to help once a month. Full training will be given. Suitable for individuals or a family. Please speak to Rev Kelly, a Churchwarden or Russell.

## CHURCH SUMMER FAIR

Thank you to all who contributed to the Summer Fair last Saturday. Whether you were a stall holder, helper or a kind donor we thank you for your support. Many Fairgoers braved the hot conditions on the day to help make it a real community event generating the usual happy atmosphere centred around St Barts which doubled as the designated main 'cool space' for the afternoon.

## PARISH BBQ

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July in The Vicarage garden 12.30 for 1.00. To help with catering of sausages and burgers please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to give us an idea of numbers.

Bring your own drinks, glasses and cutlery. If your surname is in the range A - K then please bring a salad. If your surname is in the range L - Z, please bring a dessert.

## YOUTH WEEKEND 18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

Planning for this is in full swing. If you have young person aged 8 - early 20s we would love to take them away for a weekend of fun food and fellowship. **Total cost £50.** Booking forms available, final payments due now.

We hope to have some subsidised places available. If there are members of the congregation who would like to help in this way, please contact the church office. Any contributions in this respect will be greatly appreciated.

## PLAYED IN OTFORD

On **Saturday 6 September** we're holding an informal event to celebrate and enjoy the musical abilities in our parish. There will be a mixture of solo and group performances, spanning all sorts of music, and we hope it will be a fun evening of fellowship too. If you'd be happy to get involved, we'd love to have you - please contact Mark Holmes (07816 151557)

St Bart's church choir are performing at Played in Otford. This is a great opportunity to come along and sing as part of a church choir. If you would like to get involved please contact the Church Office at [office@stbartholomews.co.uk](mailto:office@stbartholomews.co.uk). Rehearsals will be on Friday evenings in August. It would be an advantage to have at least some basic music-reading ability. Come along and sing.

## 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 😊

## 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

In particular at the moment the food bank is appealing for tins of tuna, chicken casserole, macaroni cheese, hot dogs, chilli con carne, beef curry, chicken curry, peas, sweet corn. Also, breakfast cereals (not cornflakes), rice, pasta sauce, UHT milk, biscuits, instant coffee, hot chocolate, vegetable oil, chocolate spread, marmite, shampoo, shower gel

If you wish to find out more about Loaves and Fishes or contact them please do so at

[www.sevenoaksfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.sevenoaksfoodbank.co.uk) or at [sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY READINGS

**Sunday Morning:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-end (*used at 8.00am/10.00am*)

**Evensong:** No Service

## COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## RESOURCES

### 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

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#### Social Media

Website	<a href="http://www.stbartholomews.co.uk">www.stbartholomews.co.uk</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/StBartsOtford">StBartsOtford</a>
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/otford_st_barts">otford st barts</a>
YouTube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/StBartsOtford">StBarts Otford</a>

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