

Please pray...

- For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Rosemary Hull, Madelyn Roets, David Hubner, Penny Anderson, David and Alison Crawley, Margaret Parry, and Linda. Also, remember the recently departed and those who mourn.
- For those in our congregation who work in the healthcare professions. For healing, care, strength and comfort and for their witness at work.
- Giving thanks for our Churchwardens and praying for them as they offer leadership, support to the clergy team and manage the church building.
- Pray for the church of The Good Shepherd and the people of Borough Green.
- Pray for the church of St Martin and the people of Eynsford
- For our link dioceses of Harare, Mpwapwa & Kondoa and Estonia.
- For our overseas mission partners: Pursue (Harri and Rich Bell), Church Mission Society, Bible Society, Christian Aid, Hospices of Hope

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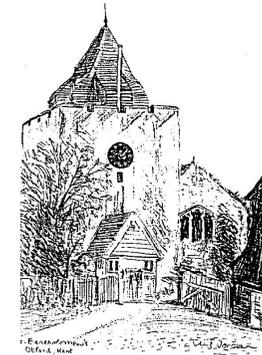
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ST. BART'S PEW NEWS



Sunday 10th August

8th Sunday after Trinity

We are a Church of England parish church situated in the rural village of Otford. We are part of the Shoreham Deanery in Kent and part of the Diocese of Rochester

We love being a village church and are intentional about serving our community and demonstrating the love of Jesus, lived out in our lives. This is reflected in our community engagement. The church is open every day for private prayer and the opportunity to light a candle.

We run a 'warm welcome' on a Friday afternoon where we contemplate life over a jigsaw or two, there are several flourishing Home groups, CAMEO for our older residents and First Steps for the little ones, run in partnership with the Methodist Church. Our Youth Groups EPIC and YPF meet regularly and the Annual Youth weekend away is a highlight in the Church calendar.

We welcome people of all ages and stages of life and faith.

THIS WEEK...

Sunday 10th August 2025

8th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am: **Holy Communion** with Revd Kelly
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
- 10.00am: **Holy Communion** Revd Kelly
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Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our
hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the
works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here
and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

NEXT WEEK...

Sunday 17th August 2025

9th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am: **Holy Communion** with Revd Kelly
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56
- 10.00am: **Morning Worship** with Revd Kelly & Mags
Southgate
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56
- 6.30pm: **Evensong** with Revd Kelly
Isaiah 28:9-22
Matthew 20:1-16

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 11th August

Vicar's rest day
2.00pm CAMEO (17 Leonard Avenue)

Tuesday 12th August

9.00 am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Social Media Team (Church Centre)

Wednesday 13th August

10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 14th August

9.00 am Morning Prayer
7.45 pm Bellringing practice

Friday 15th August

2.00pm Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
8.00 pm Choir Practice

PLAYED IN OTFORD

On **Saturday 6th 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 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 24th August - St Bartholomew's Day

8.45am Prayer Breakfast: we will be joined by Rick from Hospices of Hope who will top and tail our prayer time and also lead our intercessions at 10am. Harri and Rich Bell (Pursue) will also be joining us at our 10am service to share with us the current work of Pursue

Monday 25th August - Village BBQ

We will be doing teas at this event. If you could spare some time to set up (10am), work on the stall (12-4), or pack down (4pm) your time would be greatly appreciated. Also, we will need cakes to sell with the tea. If you can help in any way please sign the list at the back of church or let the office know

Sunday 31st August 10am - Café Church (Centre)

Please join us for this informal service of worship.

Sunday 7th September - Back to School Service.

If you are at school, university, a teacher or lecturer please come to this service with your school bag, back pack, briefcase so we can bless it and you as you begin a new academic year.

Sunday 21st September - Messy Church

is at 3pm. Lots of things to make and do, followed by informal worship and a tea

The Bible Course (Bible Society) - We will be running this course on Wednesdays from 17th September at 12.30 (soup provided) in the church centre. This will be repeated on Zoom on Thursday evenings, 8-9pm, from 18th September.

For more information or to sign up please contact Rev Kelly at vicar@stbartholomews.co.uk