

# St Bart's News – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12.00pm	Funeral of Eunice Beasley
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Morning Prayer (CW)
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

### DIARY DATES

<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice (Church)
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10am-12pm	Christian Aid Sale (St Bart's Church Hall)
	11am-2pm	Christian Aid Sale and Soup Lunch (Oxford Methodist Church)
	6.00pm	EPIC (Church Centre)
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12.00pm	Soup Lunch (Church Centre)
	2.00pm	CAMEO Bible Study (17 Leonard Avenue)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.45pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2.00pm	Warm Welcome (Church Centre)
	8.00pm	Choir Practice (Church)

## 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](#).

### \*\*\*CHANGE OF SERVICE\*\*\*

Unfortunately, due to a general shortage of available clergy to take communions we have been unable to find a priest to take the Communion service at **8am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**. A service of Morning Prayer will be offered instead. We are expecting more clerical vacancies within the deanery over the coming months, so there will be other occasions when dispensation will have to be sought from the Archdeacon to not hold a Sunday communion service. We will endeavour to give good notice of any changes so please keep an eye on the weekly news sheet.

### THANKS

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

### PARISH PRAYERS

In our **cycle of prayer**, we pray for the residents of Sidney Gardens; and for the work of The Children's Society. 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 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

**Book and Bake Sale** Thank you to all who contributed to our pop-up last Monday.. An excellent sum of over £860 was raised despite the appalling weather.

**Christian Aid pop-up** this **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Calling all bakers and gardeners – We are joining with other churches in Otford to mark the beginning of Christian Aid week with a pop-up both outside church hall (10am-12noon) and at the Methodist Church(11am-2pm). If you could help us by providing cakes (with listed ingredients) and or plants to raise funds for this worthy charity, please bring them on the day or drop them at the church centre on Friday 10th. Apologies for this request being so soon after our last pop-up and thank you in advance.

## SOUP LUNCH

Our next soup lunch is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon. Our coffee time speaker will be our own Jocelyn Ledward KC. Please sign the list in the church lobby if you would like to come.

## EUNICE BEASLEY

The funeral of Eunice will be held at St Bart's on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon. All are welcome to come and celebrate her life, long and well lived.

## MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church will be on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in the Church Centre. This is for families of all ages. We would love to see you there, and bring your friends.

## CHURCHYARD FLOWER GARDEN

Jane Donaldson has been looking after the garden on the south-west corner of the church, between the tower and the south door for many years. Jane is looking for someone to work with her in maintaining the garden with a view to taking over the work in due course. If you are interested or know someone who might be (they needn't be a church goer), please contact the churchwardens or church office. Thank you.

## PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our monthly prayer breakfast is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, 8.45am in the Church Centre. The next one will be on Sunday **26<sup>th</sup> May**.

## YOUTH WEEKEND – KENCH HILL

Our fun filled action packed youth weekend this year runs from 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July. Leaflets and consent forms are available for youngsters aged 8 and over from our youth leaders, in the church centre or [online](#). Deposits for the weekend by 12<sup>th</sup> May please, and balance payments by 16<sup>th</sup> June. Any questions please talk to Dawn, Mags, Russell or Claire.

## 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.

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)

## 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 1:15-17, 21-end (Pg.1092); 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19 (pg.1085) (used at 8.00am/10.00am)

**Evensong:** No Service

**BCP Communion:** James 1:22-end; John 16:23-end (used on Wednesday morning)

### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MORNING**

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (BBC 193) 2. There is a redeemer (BBC 253); 3. Fill though my life (BBC 220); 4. All I once held dear (BBC 211)

### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING**

No Service

### **COLLECT**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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>

### **CONTACT LIST**

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](mailto:st.bartholomews@otford.net) by **TUESDAY EVENING at the latest**

And here is a Dave Walker cartoon:

With every blessing,  
The Wardens and Ministry Team

