

At the communion services, all who are confirmed or who are full members of other churches are welcome to receive Communion. All others, adults and children, are invited to come forward for a blessing.

TODAY'S SERVICES

- 8.00 a.m. **Holy Communion (BCP)**
 Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar
- 9.30 a.m. **Holy Communion (CW)**
 Leader: Bill Lattimer
 Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar
 Hymns (BBC): 143, 75, 193, 174
 Anthem:
 Jubilate - *Prince Albert*
 Communion motet:
 Pange lingua - *Bruckner*
- 5.00 p.m. **CU@5**
 Leader: Dawn Hallam
- 6.30 p.m. **Evening Prayer (CW)**
 Leader: The Vicar
 Preacher: Brian Raynor

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for residents in **Tudor Crescent** and for the work of **Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Service**.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Mark 9:7

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-12 page 369

On this Sunday Next Before Lent the theme is Transfiguration. The Old Testament Reading describes the Prophet Elijah's mysterious passing with the handing over of his ministry to Elisha. Elijah represents the prophetic strain of Jewish religious history, and is one of the figures who appeared with Jesus at the Transfiguration.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 page 1160

The image of light is important in the Bible and is often used in a spiritual sense in opposition to darkness. This may have been especially meaningful to St. Paul, the writer of this letter, who experienced a blinding light in his encounter with the Risen Christ on the Road to Damascus.

Mark 9:2-9 page 1012

Jesus takes the 'inner circle' of three disciples to share in a remarkable other-worldly event. The transfiguration was significant both for Jesus in the outworking of his ministry and also for the disciples in their understanding of his Person.

DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	71	Jeremiah ch.1	John 3:1-21
Tues	73	Jeremiah 2:1-13	John 3: 22-end
Weds	38	Dan.9:3-6, 17-19	1 Tim. 6:6-19
Thurs	77	Jeremiah 2:14-32	John 4:1-26
Fri	3	Jeremiah 3:6-22	John 4:27-42
Sat	71	Jeremiah 4:1-18	John 4:43-end

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 23rd February

- 7.45 p.m. Focus group (50 Well Road)
 8.00 p.m. Fair Committee ('Lorien')

Tuesday 24th February

- 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Ash Wednesday 25th February

- 9.30 a.m. 'First Steps' (Methodist New Hall)
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 12 noon Funeral service of June Catt
 2.30 p.m. Methodist meeting
 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Thursday 26th February

- 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 7.15 p.m. Confirmation Group (Vicarage)
 7.45 p.m. Bellringing practice

Friday 27th February

- 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8.00 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday 28th February

- 9.15 a.m. Wedding Prep. Group (Church Centre)

NEXT SUNDAY

- 8.00 a.m. **Holy Communion (CW)**
 Celebrant: The Vicar
 Preacher: Dawn Hallam
- 9.30 a.m. **Church Family Worship (CW)**
 Leader: The Vicar
 Preacher: Bill Lattimer
- 5.00 p.m. **CU@5**
 Leader: Andrew Bratby
- 6.00 p.m. **FROGS** (Church Hall)
- 6.30 p.m. **Evensong**
 Leader: The Vicar
 Preacher: Dawn Hallam

Flower Rota - Urgent

We are in urgent need of help to arrange flowers on the two altars in church. during 2009 If you can help, please put your name in a space on the rota on the notice board at the back of church. Thank you.

Methodist meeting

Members of St. Bartholomew's Church are invited by the members of Otford Methodist Church to join them on Wednesday, 25th February at 2.30 p.m. The speaker will be Canon John Tapper and his talk will be followed by refreshments. EVERYONE is welcome.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Service for 2009, prepared by women from Papua New Guinea, is to be held on Friday 6th March, 2.00 p.m. at Otford Roman Catholic Church. The theme of the Service is "In Christ there are many members yet one body" and the Speaker will be Mrs. Susan Ward. The Service will be followed by refreshments. EVERYONE is welcome to this ecumenical event.

Coffee Rota

If you can help to serve coffee after a morning service, please sign your name on the coffee rota, to be found on the notice board next to the hatch in the Church Centre. Thank you.

Fairtrade Lunch

In celebration of Fairtrade Fortnight you are invited to attend a Lunch on Saturday 28th February, 12.30 for 1.00 p.m. at Christ Church URC Hall, Kippington. There will be a 2 course Fairtrade lunch with wine or fruit juice and tea or coffee, £5.

Magazines

Magazines for March should be available for collection next weekend.

Hand-made cards

These will be available for sale at all services next Sunday, 1st March.

Lent Course

"Where Pilgrims' Progress meets Desert Island Discs"

In this series, five people in conversation with the Vicar will be sharing with us aspects of their journey of faith, and also some of their favourite music, authors and passages from the Bible.

Tuesday 3rd March David Runting

Tuesday 10th March Vicki Howie

Tuesday 17th March Kath Pawlett

Tuesday 24th March Stan Miles

Tuesday 31st March Dawn Hallam

Do come along and find encouragement for your own journey of faith.

The meetings will be held in the Church Centre, starting at 8 p.m.

Electoral Roll

If you are 16 or over you are eligible to be on the church Electoral Roll - that is if you are baptised. If you are not already on the Roll, please take a form from the back of church and hand it, when completed, to one of the Churchwardens or leave it in the Parish Church Office. The deadline for this year is Sunday, 22nd March.

Sevenoaks Debt Advice Centre

Supported by Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District, this free service is available, by appointment, to anyone with a debt problem, from credit card debts to threatened eviction or county court action. Please pick up a leaflet from the book table if you can pass one on to anyone you know who is in need of debt advice at this time.

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WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 22nd February 2009
Sunday next before Lent
Quinquagesima

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**