

*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 (CW)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar

#### 10.00 a.m. Church Family Worship and baptism of Andrew Simmons

Leader: Bill Lattimer

Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns: 20, 355, 25, 150

#### 12 noon Baptism of Elias Mines

#### 5.00 p.m. CU@5 (Mags Southgate)

#### 6.00 p.m. FROGS (Church Hall)

#### 6.30 p.m. Evensong

Leader: Margaret Lidbetter

Preacher: The Vicar

### PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for residents in **Broughton Road and for the work of Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust.**

### VERSE FOR THE WEEK

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They, too, will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

John 10: 14&16

## SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

### Acts 4:5-12 (page 1095 NT)

The Holy Spirit comes to the aid of Peter and John after they had been arrested following the healing of the lame man. Peter is able to speak powerfully to the court, referring to the ancient Scriptures. His theme is the risen Jesus and the power available through his name. This is the reason for the lame man's "resurrection" to fitness and strength. Through Jesus God's promises of old are fulfilled.

### 1 John 3:16-end (page 1227 NT)

In his first letter, John speaks of love as the primary characteristic of Christian life. The Christian family is called to practical and sacrificial love; we are to be a fellowship of open eyes, open hearts and open hands. The inspiration and pattern for our loving is Jesus: as he laid down his life for us, so we are committed to living for others. All who love will grow in fellowship with God, they will develop a prayer life that discovers and reflects God's will and they will experience the indwelling of Holy Spirit.

### John 10:11-18 (page 1076 NT)

Jesus proclaims himself as the Good Shepherd. Jesus' close knowledge of his flock matches his intimate relationship with the Father. Jesus' commitment is absolute, steadfast to death. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus makes it a priority to seek out other sheep; these will listen to his voice and come under his care.

### DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	103	Deut. 9:1-21	Ephesians 4:1-16
Tues	139:1-18	Deut.9:23-10:5	Ephesians 4:17-end
Weds	133	Deut.10:12-end	Ephesians 5:1-14
Thurs	118:14-29	Deut.11:8-end	Ephesians 5:15-end
Fri	33	Deut.12:1-14	Ephesians 6:1-9
Sat	67	Deut. 15:1-18	Ephesians 6:10-end

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday

11.00 a.m. Fun Day in the Church Centre

### Tuesday 5th May

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8.00 p.m. Reverends & Readers meeting (Vicarage)

### Wednesday 6th May

9.30 a.m. 'First Steps' (Otford Methodist Hall)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

8.00 p.m. PCC Meeting (Church Centre)

### Thursday 7th May

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

2.30 p.m. Homegroup (2 Colets Orchard)

7.15 p.m. Confirmation Group (Vicarage)

7.45 p.m. Bellringing practice

### Friday 8th May

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8.00 p.m. Choir practice

### Saturday 9th May

1.30 p.m. Wedding of Richard Taplin and Sarah Denny

### NEXT SUNDAY - 10th May

8.00 a.m. **Holy Communion (CW)**

Leader: Peter Downing  
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 a.m. **Holy Communion (CW)**

Leader: The Vicar  
Preacher: Bishop Jeremiah Kibole

5.00 p.m. **cu@5 (Andrew Bratby)**

6.30 p.m. **Christian Aid Commissioning Service**

Leader: The Vicar  
Preacher: Sarah Philby

### NEW SERVICE PATTERN

As from this month there will be a slight change in the service pattern: the communion service held on the second Sunday of the month will now be celebrated at the mid-morning service rather than the evening service. At 6.30 p.m. the service will instead be Evening Prayer. This will mean that at the 10 a.m. service there will be an alternating pattern of Church Family/Morning Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays) with Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays). At the 6.30 p.m. service there will be an alternating pattern of choral Evensong (1st and 3rd Sundays) with said Evening Prayer (2nd and 4th Sundays). The 8.00 a.m. service will retain its current pattern of Holy Communion.

### Flowers

We thank the family of the late Betty Kent for the beautiful flower arrangements in church today.

### Magazines

Magazines for May are available at the back of church.

### Hand-made cards

These are available at all services today. Proceeds are for The Children's Society and Church funds.

### Christian Aid Service - next Sunday evening

You are invited to the Sevenoaks Christian Aid Week Commissioning Service at St. Bartholomew's Church next Sunday, 10th May. The speaker will be Sarah Philby, Christian Aid Communications Officer for Africa. Sarah visited the Democratic Republic of Congo and was responsible for preparing the material about the DRC which is the focus of this year's Christian Aid Week. She will be able to give a first-hand account of the situation in that country.

### Confirmation Service

Sunday, 17th May at 10.00 a.m. This special service will be conducted by The Bishop of Tonbridge, the Rt. Revd. Brian Castle. Please pray for those to be confirmed: James and Julie Wall, Chloe Bailey, Susanna Bratby, Amy McDowell, Ed Torry, Jessica and Harry Wandless and Matthew Worssam.

### "Hear my Prayer" (Oh for the wings of a Dove!)

A celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Mendelssohn - 10th May

On Sunday 10th May, after the morning Communion Service, our choir will be joining with choirs up and down the country in singing Mendelssohn's anthem, "Hear my Prayer" (which includes the well-known line, "Oh for the wings of a dove"). This event is being organised by BBC Radio 3 and is in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Mendelssohn. Further details may be found at [www.bbc.co.uk/composers/mendelssohn](http://www.bbc.co.uk/composers/mendelssohn)

### FEBA Radio

The next meeting for FEBA Radio: information and prayer will be at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 11th May at 41 Park Hill Road.

### Food, Fun and Fellowship

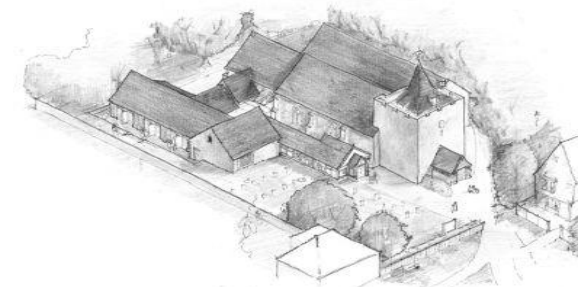
Fun Day for everyone on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May from 11.00 a.m. Lunch will be provided for a small donation in the Church Centre. Further details from Mags Southgate.

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH FAIR

Castle House, Saturday, 20th June, 2.00 p.m.

The YPF are running the gift stall again so are looking for **NEW** gifts that are **unused** and preferably still in their **original packaging**. If you have any items that fit the criteria, please leave them at the back of church with "**Liz Cole**" on it. Thank you.

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## WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 3rd May 2009  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**