

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.

There is a **crèche** available at the 10.a.m. service every Sunday

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Leader: Margaret Lidbetter
Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship (CW)

Leader: The Vicar
All-age Talk: Dawn Hallam
Preacher: The Vicar
Hymns (BBC): 159, 167, 162, 163

12 noon Baptism of Grace Howe and Ross Hendry

12.45 Bring and Share Lunch celebrating Pentecost (Church Centre) for 1 p.m.

5.00 p.m. CU@5

Leader: The Vicar

6.30 p.m. Readings and Music for Pentecost

Leader: The Vicar

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for residents in **Colets Orchard** and for the work of **CMS: for Colin and Anita Smith and family in Nairobi.**

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

John 16:13

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21 (page 1093 NT)

The coming of the Spirit at Pentecost marks the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission. The sound of the mighty wind and the appearance of tongues of fire are resonant with parallels of God's mighty deeds in the Old Testament. Peter explains to the crowd that they are witnessing the outpouring of the Spirit foretold long ago by the prophets and the offer of salvation to humankind.

Romans 8:22-27 (page 1135 NT)

The Holy Spirit works in many ways. In this passage, St. Paul highlights the way the Spirit assists us in our prayers. The gift of the Spirit is a foretaste of the fulfilment of our true identity as children of God. This future prospect fills us with hope.

John 15:26,27 & 16:4b-15 (page 1085 NT)

Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as the "Advocate", one who speaks in defence of others. The Holy Spirit will speak through the disciples as they bear witness to the words and work of Jesus. Jesus also refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Spirit of truth", who will make known to the disciples and to the world the purposes of God.

DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	85	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Mark 3:31-end
Tues	132	Job ch.2	Romans 1:18-end
Weds	119:153-end	Job ch.3	Romans 2:1-16
Thurs	146	Job ch.4	Romans 2:17-end
Fri	142	Job ch.5	Romans 3:1-20
Sat	147	Job ch.6	Romans 3:21-end

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday, 1st June

7.45 p.m. Homegroup (17 Leonard Avenue)
8.00 p.m. Fair Committee ('Lorien')

Tuesday, 2nd June

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday, 3rd June

9.30 a.m. 'First Steps' (Oxford Methodist Hall)
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
8.00 p.m. Deanery Synod (Borough Green)

Thursday, 4th June

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
2.30 p.m. Homegroup (5 Colets Orchard)
7.45 p.m. Bellringing practice

Friday, 5th June

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

Saturday, 6th June

9.30 a.m. Churchyard Working Party
5.00 p.m. "Bartholomew" Pianists' Recital (Russell House School)
7.30 p.m. Cantate Concert (in Church)

NEXT SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Celebrant: The Vicar
Preacher: Bill Lattimer

10.00 a.m. Civic Service

Leader: Margaret Lidbetter
Preacher: The Vicar

5.00 p.m. CU@5

Leader: Dawn Hallam

6.00 p.m. FROGS (Church Hall)

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Leader: The Vicar
Preacher: Bill Lattimer

Pentecost Bring-and-Share Lunch

Sunday 31st May - 12.45 for 1 p.m.

Today, Pentecost (Whit Sunday) is a festival when we celebrate the birth of the Church with the giving of the Holy Spirit. Everyone is warmly invited to a bring-and-share lunch today in the Church Centre. If your surname begins with the letters A-G please bring a salad; H-P a main course; R-Z a pudding.

The Sanctuary Lamp

As from today we shall be resuming the practice of lighting the Sanctuary Lamp on Sundays. An information sheet on the table at the back of church gives more details.

Civic Service, Sunday 7th June, 10.00 a.m.

The Civic Service is an occasion to give thanks for our village and for all who contribute to its community life. This year the service will also include the laying-up of the British Legion flag.

Handmade cards

Handmade cards, sold in aid of The Children's Society and church funds, will be on sale at all services next Sunday, 7th June.

Magazines and Prayer Diary

Magazines for June are available at the back of church. The Prayer Diary for June is enclosed with this notice sheet.

Christian Listening

There will be a course in Christian Listening, run by Acorn Christian Healing under the auspices of Shoreham Deanery, on the following days:

Saturday, 20th June 10-12 noon Kemsing Church Hall
Tuesday, 30th June 10-12 noon Garden Room, Platt
Monday, 6th July 7.30-9.30 p.m. Olive Seal Hall,
Eynsford

Bartholomew Piano Recital - Saturday, 6th June

Jean Kelsey is organising a piano recital on Saturday 6th June, beginning at 5 p.m. and all pianists are invited to participate. More information from Jean on 01732 462409.

The Cantate Choir

There will be a concert in St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, 6th June at 7.30 p.m. given by The Cantate Choir. The concert will consist of music by Pärt, Parry, Purcell and Palestrina. Tickets, price £10 (including refreshments) are available from Clive Southgate, Susan Reid or from Sevenoaks Bookshop.

New Topics for cu@5

For the rest of the summer term there will be a two four-week series:

- i) Christian Perspectives on Contemporary Issues:

31st May	The environment
7th June	Medical research
14th June	The credit crunch
21st June	Multi-culturalism

- ii) Discipleship:

28th June	Journeying and longing
5th July	Believing and questioning
12th July	Belonging, serving and persevering
19th July	Forgiving, listening and engaging

St. Bartholomew's Church Fair

Saturday, 20th June

The proceeds of this year's Fair will go to Church funds and we would be grateful for your support. Items for sale may be placed at the back of the church. Programmes, price 50p, are available and we thank those who have offered to sell them in the roads in Otford.

Stallholders: **Bottles** (Linda and Bert Dunning 524182); **Books** (Colin Fleetwood 523582); **Sweets, items suitable for Children's prizes** (Christeen Malan, 522654); **Craft items** (Sylvia Grafton 01732 452117); **Food Hall, cakes, biscuits, puddings, pies and preserves** (Hilary Fothergill, 524120, Anne Fleetwood 523582, Susan Reid 523234); **Toys** (Margie Torry 524463); **YPF stall** unwanted new gifts (Liz Cole 525404); **White Elephant** (Heather Stanley 523194).

Children's Art Competition - theme: Henry VIII and The Tudors. **Single Rose Competition** (open to all). Anyone willing to help at the Fair in any capacity should contact Margie Torry or Colin Fleetwood. Thank you for your support.

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WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 31st May 2009
Day of Pentecost: Whit Sunday

COLLECT

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
Amen.