

### Magazines and Prayer Diary

Magazines for September are available at the back of church. Material for the October magazine should be given to David Matthews, 'Beech Coppice', London Road, Dunton Green: matthews.dg@lineone.net by tomorrow, Monday 7th September. Thank you.

The Prayer Diary for September is enclosed with this notice sheet.

### The Big Clean - Saturday 5th September, from 9.30 a.m.

Following the building improvements to the Church Hall over the summer, we need help to clean and prepare the Hall in readiness for re-opening it. On the basis that many hands make light work we would be most grateful if you could spare an hour next Saturday morning, 5th September, from 9.30 a.m. It would also be helpful if you could bring suitable cleaning materials. Refreshments will be provided. Come along and see for yourself the improvements to the Church Hall.

### Living Heritage – a new Autumn Series of talks

Following on from last year's Autumn Series of talks entitled, "Living Stones" in which the Vicar looked at the history, theology and worship embedded in the fabric and architecture of St. Bartholomew's Church, this year the Autumn Series will be entitled, "Living Heritage". These talks will focus on the historical development of the Christian faith and the parish system in these Isles, from Roman times through the formative period of the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms to the spirituality of the early medieval Church. The talks will draw on local history and archaeology, on Saxon texts and medieval wall paintings. You are warmly invited to come along and gain a deeper appreciation of the living heritage that has been entrusted to us.

The talks will be on four consecutive Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Church Centre: 29<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October

### Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Walk

Saturday 12th September 2009

Sponsor forms are now available from Simon Wragg (01732 462953) or from the back of church. Last year this event raised £147,171 for Kent Churches, and we were also able to purchase items for a home communion set in our own parish. Do book the date in your diary and join in!

### Refreshment Rota

If you can help serve refreshments after a morning service, please sign the rota in the Church Centre. Thank you.

### New Topics for CU@5

cu@5 commences for the Autumn on Sunday 13th September, 5.00 p.m. in the Church Centre. Dates and topics are listed below:

13th September	Abraham: Called by God, and journeying to the Promised Land
20th September	Feba speaker
27th September	The Covenant and the promise of a son
4th October	The testing of Abraham and finding a wife for Isaac
11th October	Jacob & Esau, Jacob receiving the inheritance, and his dream at Bethel
18th October	No CU@5: Deanery Choral Evensong
25th October	Joseph - from childhood to ruler in Egypt
1st November	Joseph - Reconciliation with his family

### Some Autumn Dates for your Diary

12th September	Ride & Stride for Kent Churches
13th September	Stewardship Sunday
29th September (& following Tuesdays to 20th Oct)	Living Heritage talks
4th October	Harvest Services & Lunch
18th October	Deanery Evensong at St. Barts
21st October	Christmas Market
22nd November	Relicensing of Betty Reed as a Reader at St. Barts (10 am)

### Hospice in the Weald shop

A new shop, opened last Wednesday 26th August in Westerham at 3-4 Winterton Court, Market Square, and the Shop Manager, Sharon Gill is looking for people interested in help. If you can volunteer, please contact her at the shop on 01959 565141 or by visiting the shop.

### Holy Communion

Following the recent guidance from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in relation to public health during the present concerns over swine flu, Bishops Michael and Brian have recommended that the administration of the chalice be suspended. As a result communion of both kinds will now be administered by way of intinction. This means that the celebrant will personally intinct the wafers by dipping them in the chalice before placing them in the hands of the communicants. A copy of the Bishops' letter is displayed on the notice boards.

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## WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 30th August 2009  
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

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)**

Preacher and Celebrant    Revd. Chris Reed

**10.00 a.m. Morning Worship (CW)**

Leader:    Dawn Hallam  
 All-age Talk:                                  Andrew Bratby  
 Preacher:    Betty Reed

**6.30 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP)**

Preacher and Celebrant:    Revd. Chris Reed

### PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for residents in **Leonard Avenue and for the work of Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District.**

### VERSE FOR THE WEEK

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

James 1:19

## SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

The theme that unites the readings this week is seeking to lives that are pleasing to God. This does not consist simply in outward conformity to a code of conduct, but arises from the renewal of our lives and the inner disposition of openness to God's word.

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (page 182 OT)**

As they reach the end of their journey through the wilderness and stand on the edge of the Promised Land, Moses urges the Israelites to remain true to God and to follow His commandments of the Lord. This demonstration of their devotion to God will be an example to other nations. They are to ensure the commandments are passed down from generation to generation.

**James 1:17-end (page 1213 NT)**

James exhorts his readers to be not only hearers of the Word, but doers also. They are to put their faith into practice, with exemplary Christian lifestyles and caring for those in need.

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (page 1010 NT)**

Jesus is criticised by the Jewish religious leaders for allowing his disciples to neglect some of the purification rituals demanded by the oral tradition handed down alongside the written law of the Old Testament. Jesus points out that these could easily become a substitute for God's law which they were merely intended to reinforce. Jesus calls us back to the fundamentals of our relationship with God which affects our whole life. We need to be aware of our inner motives and attitudes, and to maintain a whole-hearted devotion to God.

### DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	98	Proverbs 14:31-15:17	Mark 6:45-end
Tues	106	Proverbs 15:18-end	Mark 7:1-13
Weds	111	Proverbs 18:10-end	Mark 7:14-23
Thurs	115	Proverbs 20:1-22	Mark 7:24-30
Fri	121	Proverbs 22:1-16	Mark 7:31-end
Sat	139	Proverbs 24:23-end	Mark 8:1-10

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

**Monday, 31st August**

**Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday, 1st September**

9.00 a.m.    Morning Prayer  
 8.00 p.m.    Reverends & Readers Theology Group (Vicarage)

**Wednesday, 2nd September**

10.00 a.m.    Holy Communion (BCP)    Coffee afterwards

**Thursday, 3rd September**

9.00 a.m.    Morning Prayer  
 7.45 p.m.    Bellringing practice

**Friday, 4th September**

9.00 a.m.    Morning Prayer  
 No Choir Practice

**Saturday, 5th September**

9.30 a.m.    Churchyard Working Party  
 9.30 a.m.    Big Clean of the Church Hall

### NEXT SUNDAY

### 6th September

8.00 a.m.    **Holy Communion (CW)**  
 Celebrant:    The Vicar  
 Preacher:    Bill Lattimer

10.00 a.m.    **Church Family Worship (CW)**  
 Leader:    The Vicar  
 Preacher:    Dawn Hallam

6.00 p.m.    **FROGS (Church Hall)**

6.30 p.m.    **Evensong**  
 Leader:    The Vicar  
 Preacher:    Bill Lattimer