

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.

Stewardship Sunday

Today we reflect on the ministry and mission of St. Bart's and the resources needed to be faithful to our calling. Please reflect prayerfully on the information in the Stewardship packs and return the response forms in the envelope provided to one of the Harvest Services on 4th October, or by post to Brian Beacom. Many thanks.

Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Walk

This event took place yesterday. If you sponsored someone, they will be pleased to receive your donation!

FEBA SUNDAY

Next week, at our 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. services, Peter Parish from FEBA will be speaking. He is the Development Director for Central Asia, Afghanistan and Pakistan. He has travelled extensively in the region that is currently so much in the news. He is based in Worthing and is coming to us specially for the day.

Living Heritage – a new Autumn Series of talks

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.

29th September	From Roman times to St. Augustine
6th October	The Saxon origins of dioceses and parishes
13th October	Anglo-Saxon spirituality
20th October	Early medieval spirituality - wall paintings

The talks will be on four consecutive Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Church Centre. You are warmly invited to come along and gain a deeper appreciation of the living heritage that has been entrusted to us.

Sheringham Beach Mission Appeal

If anyone has any craft items (including cakes, jams, etc.) that they would be willing to donate please ring Dawn Hallam on 526865 as she has a stall on Saturday 19th September at the Quilling Guild annual display in the Church and Village Halls from 2.0-4.30 p.m. Thank you.

HOPEFEST

Confident Christianity

Wednesdays at 8 p.m. - 16th & 23rd September - Church Centre

In these two sessions we will be preparing for the Hopefest Mission by focusing on the core essentials of the Gospel message, reflecting on how we have come to faith, and how we can help others on this path, too.

Men's Breakfast - 26th September 2009 - 8.30-10 a.m.

You are invited to a full English breakfast at the Darent Valley Golf Club, Shoreham, at which Nick Cuthbert will be speaking on fears, fantasies, football and faith. The cost is £8. Book at breakfast@hopefest.org.uk. Bring a friend!

Help Needed! - Saturday evening, 3rd October - Stag Theatre

St. Bart's Church (together with St. George's Weald) has been asked to provide 20 volunteers to help with various jobs at the 9 p.m. Hopefest Presentation at the Stag Theatre. Jobs include packing up P.A. equipment, giving out welcome drinks, being stewards in the main theatre, serving as stage door doormen. Please let either Russell Edwards (07984 450741) or the Vicar know if you are able to help with any of these jobs. Many thanks.

Tickets for Hopefest Events

St. Bart's has been allocated 14 tickets for each Hopefest presentation at the Stag at 6.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. on the four Saturday nights of 3rd October, 21st & 28th November and 5th December. The tickets are £2.50 each. Please prayerfully consider whom you will invite. We want to make sure our ticket allocation is fully used.

Claire's Coffee Call for Kenya

Claire Stevens, an ex-chorister at St. Bartholomew's, is off to the Rift Valley in Kenya in January c/o Changing World, to work in a school. She is working hard to raise the £2,700 required so we are giving her a helping hand by inviting you to join us on Saturday, 3rd October from 9.30-11.00 a.m. in the Church Centre for coffee, where cakes, preserves and cards will be on sale. There will also be a raffle. You are also invited to watch the church being decorated for Harvest.

Do please come and join us in supporting Claire; for further information please ring Sylvia Grafton (01732 452117) or Anne and Claire Stevens (524333). Thank you.

Ladies Breakfast

You are invited for breakfast at Otford Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 3rd October at 8.30 a.m. when the guest speaker will be Julie Sheldon, accomplished speaker and author. Please call Margaret Matthews on 522046 to book your place.

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WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 13th September 2009

Stewardship Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,

whose only Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

through 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)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Leader: Margaret Lidbetter
 Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns (BBC): 8, 337, 333, 314

5.00 p.m. CU@5

Leader: Bill Lattimer

6.00 p.m. FROGS (Church Hall)

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (CW)

Leader and Preacher: Peter Downing

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Church Centre after the 10 a.m. Service

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for residents of **Orchard Road** and for the work of **CMS and the Smith family**.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours... Everything comes from you and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

1 Chronicles 29:11,14

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

1 Chronicles 29:6-14 (page 433 OT)

King David sets before the Israelites a plan for the building of the Temple. The Israelites respond to this vision and give willingly. David then praises the Lord for his greatness and glory, acknowledging that ultimately all things come from him, and of his own do we give him.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (page 1163 NT)

Chapters 8 & 9 of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians are devoted to the theme of generosity and arrangements for the collection for the poor Christians in Palestine. Paul points to the example of Christ who, though he was rich, for our sakes became poor so that we might become rich. In this passage, Paul, like King David, acknowledges the prior generosity of God; and in a similar fashion to the Israelites, the response of the Corinthians leads to praise and thanksgiving.

Matthew 6:25-33 (page 971 NT)

In this passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches about our attitude to possessions and our dependence upon God. He concludes with the famous exhortation, "But seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	146	Genesis 3:1-15	John 12:27-36a
Tues	6	1 Chron. ch.13	Mark 10:1-16
Weds	119:1-32	1 Chron. 15:1-16:3	Mark 10:17-31
Thurs	15	1 Chron. ch.17	Mark 10:32-34
Fri	19	1 Chron.21:1-22:1	Mark 10:35-45
Sat	23	1 Chron.22:2-end	Mark 10:46-end

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 14th September

7.45 p.m. Coffee and chat (2A Bubblestone Road)

Tuesday 15th September

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 16th September

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) Coffee afterwards
 8.00 p.m. Confident Christianity - preparing for Hopefest (Church Centre)

Thursday 17th September

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

Friday 18th September

8.00 p.m. Choir practice

NEXT SUNDAY: 20th September:

FEBA Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Celebrant: The Vicar
 Preacher: Betty Reed

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship (CW)

Leader: The Vicar
 All-age talk: Dawn Hallam
 Preacher: Peter Parish (FEBA)

12 noon Baptism of Nathan Samuel Tappin

5.00 p.m. CU@5

Leader: The Vicar
 Speaker: Peter Parish (FEBA)

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Leader: The Vicar
 Preacher: Betty Reed