

### Rededication of Otford Pond - this Sunday - 11.30 a.m.

This morning, after long-awaited repairs, Otford Pond will be rededicated at 11.30 a.m. (after the mid-morning service.)

### Magazines

The magazines for October will be available for collection from Thursday, 1st October.

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

### HARVEST - SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

We will be celebrating harvest on Sunday 4th October. We will be supporting the **Diocesan Poverty and Hope Appeal** - details can be found at [www.rochester.anglican.org/poverty\\_hope.htm](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/poverty_hope.htm) or from the enclosed leaflet. Other goods will be taken to St. Saviour's Priory.

At our services on this Sunday we will also be receiving the **Stewardship envelopes**.

**HARVEST LUNCH** - You are warmly invited to our harvest lunch, 12.45 for 1 p.m in the Church Hall. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church. Cost: there will be a basket at the lunch for donations.

### 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.

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.

### Combined Women's Fellowship

On Wednesday 14th October at 2.30 p.m. members of St. Bartholomew's Church, Otford Methodist Church and other churches in the area are invited to meet together in the Church Centre. Donna Worssam will give a short talk and this will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

### HOPEFEST

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Some Autumn Dates for your Diary

29th September (& following Tuesdays to 20th Oct)

	Living Heritage talks
4th October	Harvest Services & Lunch
18th October	Deanery Evensong at St. Barts
21st November	Christmas Market
22nd November	Relicensing of Betty Reed as a Reader at St. Barts (10 am)

#### Claire's Coffee Call for Kenya - Saturday 3rd October

You are warmly invited to a coffee morning in the Church Centre on Saturday 3rd October from 9.30-11 a.m. to support Claire Stevens who is off to Kenya in January to work in a school. Why not also come and see the Church being decorated for harvest?

### Friends of Kent Churches

#### Sponsored Ride and Stride

#### **THANK YOU!**

I succeeded in visiting 15 churches, and by the time all the sponsorship money comes in, I will have raised £300 (including Gift Aid) - a big thank you to everyone for your generosity and support - Richard

Thank you, also, to Simon & Angela Wragg and their team for organising our hospitality, and congratulations to the Bailey family for visiting many churches by bike and foot.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2009

We have just received the results from the Sevenoaks and District Christian Aid Committee: £24,765 was raised in the district during Christian Aid week (with a further £4,000 tax reclaim through Gift Aid). St. Bart's contribution to this total was £821.54. A big thank you to everyone who took part in this fund-raising effort.

### BELLRINGERS OUTING - SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER

You are warmly invited to join the bellringers on their annual outing. This year they are going to country churches in Essex and Suffolk, including "Constable country". The trip starts at 9 a.m. from Otford Pond (and back by 7 p.m.). The cost is £15 (lunch will be extra). Please contact Bobbie Fairclough if you would like to go. ([rtlfairclough@btinternet.com](mailto:rtlfairclough@btinternet.com) or 522696)

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## WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 27th September 2009  
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

### COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power  
faithfully to fulfil them;  
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.

## SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

### Isaiah 52:7-10 (page 739 OT)

The prophet proclaims a message of hope. The Lord will act in a mighty way, bringing peace and salvation. It is a message of great joy, beginning with the exclamation, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news."

### Romans 10:8b-15 (page 1137 NT)

Paul sets out the message of good news. In fulfilment of an ancient prophecy from Joel, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. This message needs to be shared widely. There is an important task of proclamation, so that people may hear and believe.

### John 1:35-45 (page 1064 NT)

John the Baptist directs two of his disciples to Jesus. They become followers of Jesus, and the first thing that one of these two, Andrew, does is to find his brother Simon Peter and invite him also to follow Jesus. The next day, Jesus calls Philip to be a disciple, and Philip's first action is to go and find Nathanael to invite him also. Andrew and Philip's confident invitations set good examples for us to follow.

## DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	43	2 Chron. 2:1-16	Mark 12:28-34
Tues	33	Daniel 12:1-4	Acts 12:1-11
Weds	119:57-80	2 Chron. ch.5	Mark 13:1-13
Thurs	57	2 Chron. 6:1-21	Mark 13:14-23
Fri	51	2 Chron. 6:22-end	Mark 13:24-31
Sat	66	2 Chron. ch.7	Mark 13:32-end

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday 28th September

7.45 p.m. Homegroup (17 Leonard Avenue)

### Tuesday 29th September

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8.00 p.m. "Living Heritage" Talk 1 (Church Centre)

### Wednesday 30th September

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

8.00 p.m. Ecumenical Committee (Vicarage)

### Thursday 1st October

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7.45 p.m. Bellringing practice

### Friday 2nd October

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9.30 a.m. Russell House School Harvest Festival

8.00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Saturday 3rd October

8.00 a.m. Theological Breakfast at 10 Flowerfield

9.30 a.m. Churchyard Working Party

9.30-11.00 a.m. Claire's Coffee Call for Kenya (Church Centre)

6.30 & 9 p.m. Hopefest at the Stag Theatre

## NEXT SUNDAY

### 4th October: Harvest Festival

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

Preacher: Margaret Lidbetter

#### 10.00 a.m. Church Family Worship (CW)

Leaders: The Vicar & Betty Reed

Preacher: Hopefest Team

#### 12.30 for 1 pm Harvest Lunch (Church Hall)

#### 5.00 p.m. CU@5

Leader: Andrew Bratby

Topic: The testing of Abraham and finding a wife for Isaac

#### 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong

Leader: The Vicar

Preacher: Margaret Lidbetter

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

## TODAY'S SERVICES

### 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar

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

Leader: Dawn Hallam

Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns (BBC): 392, 167, 149, 325

### 5.00 p.m. CU@5

Leader: Mags Southgate

Topic: The Covenant and the promise of a son

### 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (CW)

Leader: The Vicar

Biblical Reflection: Brian Raynor

## PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for residents in **Pilgrims Way East** and for the work of **the Children's Society**.

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

John 1:40-41