

Harvest

Thank you to all those who generously gave in any way towards the Harvest Festival last week. To date we have collected nearly £700 for the Poverty and Hope appeal.

Tinned goods were taken to St. Saviour's Priory in East London to support their work with the homeless and we thank Nobby and Mary Brackett for this.

Claire Stevens thanks all those who went to her Coffee Morning last week and is delighted to report that just over £500 was raised. This will help to support her during the six months when she is working in a school in the Rift Valley in Kenya.

Deanery Choral Evensong

This will be held next Sunday, 18th October at 6.30 p.m. in St. Bartholomew's. This service will feature the combined choirs of the Deanery, including our own. There will be **no CU@5** on this Sunday.

Living Heritage - Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m.

The first two talks have focused 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. The third and fourth talks will dwell more on the spirituality of these centuries as expressed in Saxon texts and medieval wall paintings.

13th October Anglo-Saxon spirituality
20th October Early medieval spirituality - wall paintings

The talks will be on two 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 - this Wednesday

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 three Saturday nights of 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.

Some Dates for your Diary

13th, 20th October: Living Heritage talks
18th October Deanery Evensong at St. Barts (6.30 p.m.)
8th November Remembrance Sunday Service (10 a.m.)
21st November Christmas Market (10 a.m.)
Hopefest Presentations at the Stag
22nd November Relicensing of Betty Reed as a Reader at St. Barts (10 a.m.)
28th November Hopefest Presentations at the Stag
29th November Candlelit Advent Carol Service (6.30 p.m.)
5th December Hopefest Presentations at the Stag
6th December Christingle Service (4 p.m.)

Stewardship Response Forms

A big thank you to everyone who has returned their stewardship response forms. The information from the time & talents response forms will be used in the preparation of new sets of rotas and the financial information will be assessed at the Standing and Finance Committee and work will begin on preparing next year's budget.

If you have not yet returned your forms, it's not too late to do so! Please send them in the envelope provided either to Brian Beacom, or leave them in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your share in the ministry of St. Bart's.

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WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 11th October 2009

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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)

Leader & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Leader: Betty Reed
Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns (BBC): 263, 342, 346, 327

5.00 p.m. CU@5

Leader: Revd. Chris Reed
Topic: Jacob & Esau, Jacob receiving the inheritance, and his dream at Bethel

6.00 p.m. FROGS (Church Hall)

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (CW)

Biblical reflection: 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 **Pilgrims Way West** and for the work of **Worldwide Silver Lining**.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you.

Amos 5:14

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (page 920 OT)

The prophet Amos urges the Israelites to "seek the Lord and live!" This involves a practical demonstration of their faith in the pursuit of justice in society. Amos condemns those who live corrupt lives and have no regard for the poor, seeking only their own material well-being. Instead the Israelites are to love good and to maintain justice in the courts.

Hebrews 4:12-end (page 1203 NT)

In October of the Year B readings of the lectionary there is mini-series on Hebrews. The passage this week develops two themes: the living power of the Scriptures, by which our thoughts and actions may be judged; and the reassurance that through Jesus we may draw close to God the Father and find the mercy and grace we need each day to keep us going.

Mark 10:17-31 (page 1014 NT)

Jesus gives his disciples some challenging teaching on their attitude towards wealth and possessions. Whereas much of society is geared towards the accumulation of wealth, Jesus teaches us that we should sit light to material goods. We are to live our lives by a different set of values, focussed not just on ourselves, but open to the needs of others and being willing to use our possessions in God's service.

DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	80	2 Chron. 17:1-12	Mark 15:1-15
Tues	89:1-18	2 Chron. 18:1-27	Mark 15:16-32
Weds	119:105-128	2 Chron. 18:28-19:end	Mark 15:33-41
Thurs	93	2 Chron. 20:1-23	Mark 15:42-end
Fri	87	2 Chron. 22:10-23:end	Mark 16:1-8
Sat	97	2 Chron. 24:1-22	Mark 16:9-end

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 12th October

7.45 p.m. Homegroup (17 Leonard Avenue)

Tuesday 13th October

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
8.00 p.m. "Living Heritage" Talk 3 (Church Centre)

Wednesday 14th October

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) Coffee afterwards
2.30 p.m. Combined Fellowship meeting with other churches in the area (Speaker: Donna Worssam: Church Centre)
8.00 p.m. Standing and Finance Committee (Vicarage)

Thursday 15th October

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

Friday 16th September

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

Saturday 17th October

1.30 p.m. Wedding of Christopher Gubbins and Joanne Bamford

NEXT SUNDAY: 18th October

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Celebrant: The Vicar
Preacher: Bill Lattimer

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship (CW)

Leader: The Vicar
All-age talk: Dawn Hallam
Preacher: Bill Lattimer

N.B. no CU@5 this week

6.30 p.m. Deanery Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Ven. Paul Wright
Archdeacon of Bromley & Bexley