

### 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 we will be contacting you over the next few weeks. Initial analysis of the financial response forms is encouraging.

We will communicate the outcome of this year's Stewardship Sunday at the beginning of November, so 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.

### Deanery Choral Evensong

This will be held tonight at 6.30 p.m. in St. Bartholomew's and you are invited to come and hear the combined choirs of the Deanery, including our own. There will be **no cu@5 today** due to rehearsals for this service.

### 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.

### Christmas Market

The Christmas Market will take place on Saturday 21st November from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Church Centre. Stalls will include: gift wrapping; cards; Christmas tree and table decorations; candles; cakes; winter woollies (scarves, gloves, hats, etc.); Christmas sweets and chocolates. A super Christmas raffle is also planned. Coffee, tea and soft drinks, together with Christmas biscuits, Stollen and mince pies will be on sale for you to enjoy while you chat with friends. Any offers of help, please contact Sylvia Grafton, 01732 452117.

### Living Heritage

The last talk in this series will take place on Tuesday, 20th October at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Centre when the subject will be early medieval spirituality as seen in wall paintings.

### Some Dates for your Diary

20th October	Living Heritage talk 4
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.)

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## WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 18th October 2009  
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

### **COLLECT**

O God, forasmuch as without you

we are not able to please you;

mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit

may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

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.

### TODAY'S SERVICES

- 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
- Hymns (BBC): 119, 265 (x2), 148, 150

There is a crèche available at this service

**N.B. no CU@5 today**

- 6.30 p.m. Deanery Choral Evensong**  
 Preacher: Ven. Paul Wright  
 Archdeacon of Bromley & Bexley
- Readings: Isaiah 35:3-6 (page 719)  
 Luke 10:1-9 (page 1041)

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

### OFFERTORY ARRANGEMENTS

There is no plate collection in our services. Please place your offering in the box at the back of church for it to be presented and dedicated during the course of our worship. Thank you!

### VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:43-45

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE READINGS

### Isaiah 53:4-end (page 740 OT)

Embedded in the Book of Isaiah are four "servant songs" which depict the person and role of the Lord's Servant. The Early Church soon came to interpret these remarkable passages with reference to the life and work of Jesus. This morning's reading is from the fourth servant song, and describes the suffering of the servant in redemptive terms: "he was pierced for our transgressions...and by his wounds we are healed" (v. 5) The servant songs help us to understand Jesus' ministry and what was achieved through his death on the cross.

### Hebrews 5:1-10 (page 1204 NT)

The reading from the letter to the Hebrews develops the theme of the priesthood of Jesus. His death on the cross replaces the Old Testament sacrificial system. Through Jesus we may approach God with confidence, knowing that he understands our needs and he is the source of a restored relationship with God.

### Mark 10:35-45 (page 1015 NT)

In dramatic contrast to the passage which precedes this reading in which Jesus predicts his suffering and death, here we find James and John approaching Jesus and asking for positions of honour and glory. Echoing the example of the suffering servant in Isaiah, Jesus clearly states that "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Humility and service are to be the hallmarks of Christian discipleship.

### PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for **the residents of Row Dow and for the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).**

### DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	98	2 Chron. 26:1-21	John 13:1-11
Tues	106	2 Chron. ch.28	John 13:12-20
Weds	111	2 Chron. 29:1-19	John 13:21-30
Thurs	115	2 Chron. 29:20-end	John 13:31-end
Fri	139:1-16	2 Chron. ch.30	John 14:1-14
Sat	121	2 Chron. 32:1-22	John 14:15-end

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday 19th October

7.45 p.m. Coffee and Chat (1 The Butts)

### Tuesday 20th October

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8.00 p.m. "Living Heritage" Talk 4 (Church Centre)

### Wednesday 21st October

9.30 a.m. 'First Steps' (Otford Methodist Hall)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

8.00 p.m. Homegroup ("Holmesdale", The Green)

### Thursday 22nd October

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7.45 p.m. Bellringing practice

### Friday 23rd October

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8.00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Saturday 24th October

**British Summer time ends - Put Clocks BACK one hour**

## NEXT SUNDAY

### 25th October: Bible Sunday

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

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Vicar

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

Leader:

Betty Reed

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Vicar

#### 12 noon Baptism of Joseph Odell and Amelia Odell

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

Topic:

Joseph - from childhood to ruler in Egypt

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

Leader:

The Vicar

Biblical Reflection:

Brian Raynor