

## Remembrance Sunday

At the 10.00 a.m. service we welcome members of Otford Parish Council, District Councillors, members of other churches and uniformed organizations within our village. This will be followed at 10.50 a.m. by the service at the War Memorial on The Green. Traffic will be halted during the two-minute silence at 11.00 a.m.

## Christmas Market - Saturday 21st November 10.00-12 noon in the Church Centre

With only two weeks to go, I am pleased to say plans are almost complete for us to have a super Christmas Market. I am very grateful for the wonderful array of items so far received, also to the following stallholders who are busily preparing. We urgently require further items for these stalls.

**Gifts** - new or unused - Anne Stevens and family

**Gift wrapping** - paper, ribbon, tags, gift boxes and bags - Chris Bourne, Deborah Vigin

**Decorations** - table, tree, novelty, hanging, etc. - Sylvia Grafton, Betty Bishop

**Candles** - decorated or plain - Jennifer Arnall, Jenny Matthews  
**Winter woollies** - hats, scarves, gloves, etc. - Anne Southgate and Donna Worssam

**Cards** - Christmas and general - Liz Todman and Sue Aylward

**Cakes** - Susan Reid and Hilary Fothergill

**Raffle** - Linda and Bert Dunning

**Hamper** - Mary Laundon

**Refreshments** - Janet Hunt and team

**Chocolates and Sweets** - Joan and Penny Beacom

**Santa** - he's busy so will send a deputy!

**Choose a gift and Toys** - Southgate family

All contributions will be gratefully received and may be left at the Church Office, any service, "Burway" or 34 Dartford Road. With any queries please contact Sylvia Grafton, 01732 452117.

## NEW TOPIC FOR CU@5

"Bringing Family and Friends to Jesus"

With the main Hopefest events coming up this month, we will be preparing for this by drawing inspiration from the examples of people in the New Testament who brought their family and friends to Jesus, discovering great benefit and blessing in their lives along the way:

8th Nov Andrew & Philip bringing Peter & Nathanael  
15th Nov Ananias helping Paul come to faith & baptism  
22nd Nov The four men bringing their friend to Jesus on a mat

## 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 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 Dates for your Diary

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.)

### Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District

The Annual Meeting of Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District takes place on Thursday, 12th November at 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. at Sevenoaks United Reformed Church, St. John's Hill. All are welcome to attend.

### Posada

The tradition of small wooden figures of Mary and Joseph travelling around our Parish during the period of Advent will continue this year. If you would like to be involved and be willing to take care of them for one night and then pass them onto the next family on the list, please contact Joan Beacom, 524304. Thank you.

### Rochester Cathedral

Ann Carter will give a talk on Rochester Cathedral on Wednesday, 18th November at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. This is being organized by the Otford and District Historical Society.

Material for the December magazine should be sent to the Church Office by Tuesday, 10th November [st.bartholomews@otford.net](mailto:st.bartholomews@otford.net). Thank you. Please note this change.

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## WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday 8th November 2009

Remembrance Sunday

### COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the king of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
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. Remembrance Sunday Service**

Preacher: The Vicar

**10.50 a.m. Service at the War Memorial on The Green**

**5.00 p.m. CU@5**

Leader: Bill Lattimer  
Topic: Andrew & Philip bringing Peter & Nathaniel to Jesus

**6.00 p.m. FROGS & YPF Firework Party**

(Park Farm House)

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

Leader: Margaret Lidbetter  
Biblical reflection: Revd. David Casiot

### PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for bereaved families of those killed as a result of war and for those who still suffer as a result of injuries they received. We pray for the work of the **British Legion**.

### VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

## SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

### Micah 4:1-4 (page 932 OT)

The prophet Micah, who lived in turbulent times, has a vision of nations living in harmony. In resonant words he proclaims, "They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks." This yearning for peace still touches a chord in our hearts. We are to pray and work for it as we seek to walk in God's ways.

### Revelation 22:1-5 (page 1250 NT)

St. John, living through the violent persecution of the Roman Empire, has a vision of the culmination of God's purposes. In words which echo the story of creation, he sees the tree of life beside the river of the water of life, "and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." Although we have wandered far from God's purposes, these is the hope of final restoration.

### Matthew 5:1-12 (page 968 NT)

In the beatitudes, Jesus sets out the qualities called for in all who work for the establishment of God's kingdom. This is not an easy path to follow and necessitates a willingness to engage in sacrificial service. We give thanks today for all who have demonstrated these qualities in their lives.

### DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	19	Isaiah 5:8-24	Matthew 4:23-5:12
Tues	20	Isaiah 5:25-end	Matthew 5:13-20
Weds	23	Isaiah ch.6	Matthew 5:21-37
Thurs	27	Isaiah 7:1-17	Matthew 5:38-end
Fri	32	Isaiah 8:1-15	Matthew 6:1-18
Sat	42	Isaiah 8:16-9:7	Matthew 6:19-end

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday 9th November

2.00 p.m. FEBA meeting (41 Park Hill Road)  
7.45 p.m. Focus group (17 Leonard Avenue)

### Tuesday 10th November

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
2.30 p.m. Parish Magazine Editorial Team (Vicarage)

### Wednesday 11th November

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) Coffee afterwards  
8.00 p.m. PCC meeting (Church Centre)

### Thursday 12th November

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

### Friday 13th November

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
12 noon Thanksgiving Service for Marjorie Murray  
8.00 p.m. Choir practice

### NEXT SUNDAY: 15th November

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar

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

Leader: The Vicar  
All-age talk: Margaret Lidbetter  
Preacher: The Vicar

**5.00 p.m. CU@5**

Leader: Mags Southgate  
Topic: Ananias helping Paul come to faith and baptism

**6.30 p.m. Evensong**

Leader: The Vicar  
Preacher: Peter Downing