

Relicensing of Betty Reed

At the 10.00 a.m. service of Holy Communion this morning we welcome the Ven. Clive Mansell, Archdeacon of Tonbridge as our preacher and Christine Bostock, Deputy Warden of Readers. During this service Betty Reed will be re-licensed as a Reader at St. Bartholomew's Church.

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 two remaining nights of 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.

Christmas Market

Thank you to Sylvia Grafton and all who helped in any way at yesterday's Christmas Market. The financial result will be given next week.

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.

Village Christmas Services Card

The cards are available for distribution at the back of church. If you can deliver to a road during the coming week, please take a bundle. Thank you.

Parish Magazine

Due to the printer's holiday, the closing date for material for the January 2010 magazine is **3rd December**. This should be sent to the Church Office or to st.bartholomews@otford.net.

CANDLELIT ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 29th November at 6.30 p.m.

The season of Advent begins next Sunday, 29th November. We are holding a special service of carols and readings for Advent in the evening. In this season we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the one who lightens our darkness, and the candlelit ambience evokes this theme.

CHRISTINGLE - 6th December - 4 p.m.

You are warmly invited to our annual Christingle Service as we anticipate the coming of Jesus who is the Light of the World. Spread the word and bring a friend!

Tree of Light Service

This will be held on Friday, 11th December on The Green at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome and labels remembering those who have died may be obtained from the Parish Office in the High Street, or Hospice in the Weald, for which organization donations are invited.

Christmas Choir Concert

This will be held on Sunday, 13th December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will cost £5 (to include refreshments). There will be no evening service on that day.

Some Dates for your Diary

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.)

13th December Choir Christmas Concert (7.30 p.m.)

20th December Sunday Club Nativity Play and YPF
Christmas Presentation (10 a.m.)

Service of 9 Lessons & Carols
(6.30 p.m.)

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**WELCOME TO
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH**

Sunday 22nd November 2009

Sunday next before Advent

Christ The King

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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 (BCP)

Celebrant: The Vicar
Preacher: Dawn Hallam

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

& the relicensing of Betty Reed as a Reader

Leader: The Vicar
Preacher: Ven. Clive Mansell
Archdeacon of Tonbridge

Hymns (BBC): 130, 128, 189, 129

There is a crèche available at this service

5.00 p.m. CU@5

Leader: The Vicar
Topic: The four men bring their friend to Jesus

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (CW)

Leader: The Vicar
Biblical Reflection: Brian Raynor

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

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

The Feast of Christ the King marks the culmination of the liturgical year and brings to a completion the Biblical revelation of Jesus' true identity: he is not just the baby born in Bethlehem, but the one to whom all authority and power is given. Each of the three readings develops this theme.

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (page 892 OT)

In Daniel's vision he sees one "like a son of man" being presented to the Ancient of Days in all his awe-inspiring glory. To him is given sovereign power and all people will come to worship him. Jesus used the title "son of man" to refer to himself.

Revelation 1:4b-8 (page 1233 NT)

The opening chapter from the Book of Revelation builds on the imagery found in Daniel's vision. In heavenly worship all glory and dominion is ascribed to the exalted Jesus. Through his love and forgiveness he invites us into his kingdom.

John 18:33-37 (page 1087 NT)

Pilate asks Jesus directly about his Kingship. Jesus replies that his kingdom is not the same as earthly empires. The citizens of his kingdom listen to his words of truth.

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for residents in **Saxon Close** and for the work of **Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District.**

DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	96	Isaiah 14:3-20	Matthew 9:18-34
Tues	97	Isaiah ch.17	Matthew 9:35-10:15
Weds	112	Isaiah ch.19	Matthew 10:16-33
Thurs	125	Isaiah 21:1-12	Matthew 10:34-11:1
Fri	77	Isaiah 22:1-14	Matthew 11:2-19
Sat	139	Isaiah ch.24	Matthew 11:20-end

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 23rd November

7.45 p.m. Coffee and Chat (17 Leonard Avenue)

Tuesday 24th November

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 25th November

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

Thursday 26th November

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

Friday 27th November

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

Saturday 28th November

6.30 & 9.00 p.m. Hopefest Presentations at the Stag Theatre

NEXT SUNDAY

29th November: Advent Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship (CW)

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

6.30 p.m. Candlelit Advent Carol Service

Leader: The Vicar
Preacher: Margaret Lidbetter