

Christmas Holiday Arrangements

The Parish Church Office will re-open on Monday 4th January. Any enquiries should be directed to a Churchwarden or to Susan Reid (523234).

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will resume on Tuesday, 5th January at 9.00 a.m.

Magazines

Magazines for January will be available for collection and distribution some time over the Christmas period.

Copy for the February magazine should be sent to the Church Office by **Sunday, 10th January:** st.bartholomews@otford.net

Thank you

Thank you to all those who use their gifts to enhance our worship at Christmas. Special thanks to our organist and choir; to the bellringers; to the Churchwardens; to the Readers and servers; to the children's and youth leaders; to all the flower arrangers; to the brass/candelabra/silver cleaners; to those who have served refreshments during the year; to Susan Reid and Clive Southgate in the Church Office; to those responsible for the smooth running of services and to all those whose ministry is known to God alone.

Bible Reading Fellowship Notes

The Bible Reading Fellowship Group Subscription for Study Notes covering the period May 2010 to April 2011 is due in February and the cost is £11.40 for three issues. If you wish to join this scheme, please let Margaret Lidbetter have a cheque, made payable to "Bible Reading Fellowship" by the end of January. If you have any queries about the scheme, you are welcome to contact Margaret on 524831.

LOOKING AHEAD - SUNDAY 10th JANUARY **The First Sunday after Epiphany**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Leader: Bill Lattimer
Preacher and celebrant: The Vicar

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Leader: Bill Lattimer
Preacher and celebrant: The Vicar

11.30 a.m. Fabric Committee (Church Centre)

Sunday Club Team (Cranmer Room)

5.00 p.m. CU@5 Mags Southgate

6.00 p.m. FROGS (Church Hall)

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (CW)

Biblical Reflection: Peter Downing

Some Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13th Jan: PCC meeting
8.00 p.m. (Church Centre)

Deanery Synod
(Plaxtol)

Sunday 17th January: Churchyard meeting
11.30 a.m. Church Centre)

Tuesday 19th January: Week of Prayer for
8.00 pm. Christian Unity service
at St. Bart's

We wish you a blessed New Year!

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NEW YEAR DOUBLE ISSUE

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

Sunday 27th December 2009
The First Sunday of Christmas

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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.

DIARY

Wednesday 30th December

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) Revd. Chris Reed

Monday 4th January: Office re-opens

7.45 p.m. Homegroup(17 Leonard Avenue)

Tuesday 5th January

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8.00 p.m. R & R Theological Group (17 Leonard Ave)

Wednesday 6th January

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

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

2.00 p.m. Funeral of Keith Twynam at TW Crematorium

Thursday 7th December

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7.45 p.m. Bellringing practice

Friday 8th January

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8.00 p.m. Choir Practice

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!

Sunday 3rd January 2010 The 2nd Sunday of Christmas

COLLECT

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us
the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:7-14 (page 791 OT)

Ephesians 1:3-14 (page 1173 NT)

John 1:10-18 (page 1063 NT)

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Leader and Celebrant: The Vicar
Preacher: Bill Lattimer

10.00 a.m. Church Family Worship

Leader and Preacher: The Vicar
Hymns: BBC 60, 69, 68, 304

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Leader: The Vicar
Preacher: Bill Lattimer

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for the residents in **Telston Lane**
and for the work of **Scripture Union.**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. David Casiot

Carols 24, 17, 8, 11

BIBLE READINGS

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (page 273 OT)

Colossians 3:12-17 (page 1184 NT)

Luke 2:41-end (page 1029 NT)

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for residents in **Station Road**
and for the **Colin and Anita Smith and their family** as they work for CMS in Kenya.

DAILY READINGS, 28/12/09 - 2/1/10

Day	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	36:5-10	Genesis 37:13-20	Matthew 18:1-10
Tues	19	Jonah ch.1	Colossians 1:1-14
Weds	113	Jonah ch.2	Colossians 1:15-23
Thurs	102	Jonah chs. 3 and 4	Colossians 1:24-2:7
Fri	103	Genesis 17:1-13	Romans 2:17-end
Sat	18:1-19	Ruth ch.1	Colossians 2:8-end

DAILY READINGS, 4/1/10 - 9/1/10

Day	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	89:1-18	Ruth ch.3	Col 3:12-4:1
Tues	48	Ruth 4:1-17	Col 4:2-end
Weds	132	Jeremiah 31:7-14	John 1:29-34
Thurs	99	Jeremiah 23:1-8	Matt 20:1-16
Fri	46	Jeremiah 30:1-17	Matt 20:17-28
Sat	148	Jeremiah 30:18-31:9	Matt 20:29-end