

### 'BARTHOLOMEW' WIND ENSEMBLE

We thank Jean Kelsey, Bartholomew Wind Band and 'Vocal Explosion' for their enjoyable concert last night.

### MAGAZINES

Magazines for February are available at the back of church. Copy for the February magazine should be sent to the Church Office by Wednesday, 10th February [st.bartholomews@otford.net](mailto:st.bartholomews@otford.net)

### 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 Libbetter 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.

### NEW SPRING SERIES FOR CU @ 5

In February there is a four-week series based on the Lord's Prayer, looking at creative and different ways of praying, and being open to the work of God throughout each day. In March there will be a two-session series looking at the life of Ruth, her faithfulness and trust in adversity, and her role in becoming one of the ancestors of Jesus.

### REPAIRS TO THE CHURCH TOWER

We have both good news, and also a challenge! The good news is that English Heritage have offered us a grant of £69,000 towards the urgent repairs that need to be done on the Tower. The challenge is that we have to match this funding, and we have one year to do so (in addition to drawing on our reserves and seeking grants from other charitable bodies). **There is a meeting today, Sunday 7th February at 11.20 a.m. in the Church Centre to discuss the way ahead.** You are warmly invited to come along so we can share in creative ideas for raising £70,000.

### CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY DATES

The churchyard working parties will be held on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.: 13th February; 13th March; 10th April, 8th May; 12th June; 10th July; 14th August; 11th September; 9th October & 13th November. Come along for some exercise and fellowship!

### SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th Feb	Ash Wednesday. Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at 8 p.m.
5th March	Women's World Day of Prayer (Otford Methodist Church, 2 pm)
14th March	Mothering Sunday

### LENT 2010 - REEL ISSUES

This year the parish Lent Series is entitled "Reel Issues". We will be looking at Christian themes and ethical issues as communicated through five films. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 8 - 9.30 p.m. The films (with discussion leaders) are:

23rd February	The Mission	<i>Mags Southgate</i>
2nd March	Bruce Almighty	<i>Bill Lattimer</i>
9th March	Shadowlands	<i>The Vicar</i>
16th March	Prince Caspian	<i>Dawn Hallam</i>
23rd March	Last Chance Harvey	<i>The Vicar</i>

These sessions will be "stand alone", but for those who would like to watch the whole film prior to each session, we will be screening them in the Church Centre on Saturday evenings, from 7 p.m. on 20th & 27th February, 6th, 13th & 20th March. Come along and enjoy these films in the company of friends from St. Bart's!

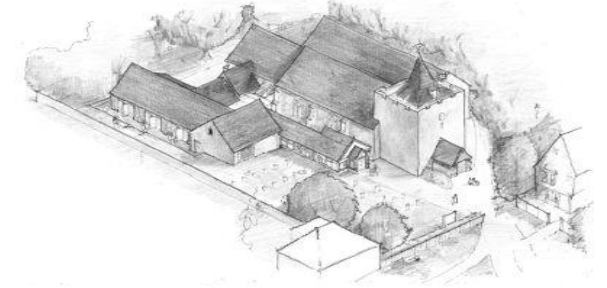
### MEETING AT OTFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Members of St. Bartholomew's Church are invited to join our friends at Otford Methodist Church on Wednesday, 24th February at 2.30 p.m. After a brief look at music for this year's Women's World Day of Prayer Service to be held on 5th March, there will be entertainment provided by The Drive Singers, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

### OLD EASTER CARDS

Please could you let Sylvia Grafton have any old Easter cards that you have so that they can be re-made into Easter cards to be sold in aid of The Children's Society. Thank you.

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## WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH Sunday 7th February 2010 The Second Sunday before Lent Sexagesima

### COLLECT

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
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)**  
 Leader and Celebrant: The Vicar  
 Preacher: Bill Lattimer
- 10.00 a.m. Church Family Worship (CW)**  
 Leader: Margaret Lidbetter  
 Preacher: The Vicar

There is a crèche available at this service

- 11.20 a.m. Meeting to discuss the Church Tower (Church Centre)**
- 5.00 p.m. CU@5**  
 Leader: Mags Southgate
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong**  
 Leader: The Vicar  
 Preacher: Bill Lattimer

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

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
 to receive glory and honour and power,  
 for you created all things,  
 and by your will they were created and have their being.  
 Revelation 4:11

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE READINGS

In the cycle of readings though the year the second Sunday before Lent has the theme of Creation, and this is reflected in the Scripture passages this morning.

### Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end (page 4 OT)

The reading from Genesis is a poetic account of the Creation. In chapter 1 there is a panoramic view of creation. In chapter 2 the focus is on humanity as represented by the story of Adam and Eve. Together they are given responsibility for caring for the natural world, cultivating the earth and naming all the animals. In recent years we have become increasingly aware of the importance of the ecological agenda.

### Revelation chapter 4 (page 1236 NT)

The reading from Revelation is a vision of all creation responding to God in worship with the words "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being."

### Luke 8:22-25 (page 1037 NT)

In the Gospel according to Saint Luke Jesus demonstrates his power over nature and this mighty act indicates his divinity. The Bible affirms the divine origins of creation, so Jesus, as the Son of God, is the only one who can say to the waves "Be still!"

### PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

This week we pray for the residents in Warham Road and for the work of the Children's Society.

#### DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	30	Genesis 29:31-30:4	2 Timothy 4:1-8
Tues	32	Genesis 31:1-24	2 Timothy 4:9-end
Weds	33	Genesis 31:25-32:2	Titus ch.1
Thurs	38	Genesis ch.2:3-30	Titus ch.2
Fri	29	Genesis 33:1-17	Titus ch.3
Sat	42	Genesis ch.35	Philemon

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday 8th February

7.45 p.m. Cameo - sharing recipes (17 Leonard Avenue)

### Tuesday 9th February

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 11.45 a.m. Interment of ashes of Dorothy Swift  
 8.00 p.m. Finance & Standing Committee (Vicarage)

### Wednesday 10th February

9.30 a.m. 'First Steps' (Oxford Methodist Church Hall)  
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
 8.00 p.m. Ecumenical Committee (18 The Old Walk)

### Thursday 11th February

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

### Friday 12th February

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 12.30 p.m. Funeral of Jennifer Coppard (St. Bart's)  
 8.00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Saturday 13th February

9.00 a.m. Churchyard Working Party  
 4.00 p.m. Confirmation Group (Cranmer Room)

### NEXT SUNDAY - 14th February

The Sunday next before Lent: Quinquagesima

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

Leader and celebrant: The Vicar  
 Preacher: Betty Reed

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

Leader and celebrant: The Vicar  
 Preacher: Betty Reed

#### 5.00 p.m. CU@5 (Church Centre)

Leader: Bill Lattimer

#### 6.00 p.m. FROGS (Church Hall)

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

Biblical Reflection: Revd. David Casiot