



## Sunday 24th August, Feast of St Bartholomew

**8.00am: Traditional Communion at Westerham:** a said service

**10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill**

**10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham:** in modern language with hymns.

Please join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards. Everybody's welcome.

**Readings:** Acts 5.12-16; Luke 22.24-30

| Day         | Time           | What's on at St Mary's this week?  |
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| Monday      |                | Benefice Office closed   |
| Tues to Sat | 9.00 - 9.30am  | <b>Morning Prayer</b> in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings                 |
| Tuesday     | 10am - 12.00pm | <b>Coffee Time</b> at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Join us for tea, coffee, snacks and friendship |
|             | 7.45pm         | <b>Bell ringing practice</b>   |
| Wednesday   | 10am           | <b>Midweek Communion:</b> a said service   |
|             | 10am to 12pm   | <b>Jigsaw Group</b> at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat        |
| Thursday    |                | <b>No choir practice</b> —on holiday until 4 September   |

## Sunday 31st August, Eleventh after Trinity

**10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill**

**10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham:** in modern language with hymns.

Please join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards. Everybody's welcome.

**Readings:** Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14

**Organ Recital:** unfortunately it has not been possible to find an alternative date for the second recital. We hope to have a series at some point next year.

**Wednesday 1st October, 7pm for 7.30pm:** St Mary's fundraising quiz at The Grasshopper on The Green, tickets £8. This sells out very quickly. When you have a table of 6 contact Christina to book your place. **Donations of raffle prizes (including alcohol) would be very much appreciated.**

**2nd Sunday in September** is also the second week of the season of Creation, a cross-denominational liturgical season celebrating Creation, our place within it and our responsibility for it. This year's theme for Creationtide is 'Peace with Creation'. As we pray for the world God has placed us in, we'll be making bug hotels to provide sanctuary and food for the invertebrates who bless us by how they live yet are in rapid decline.

This means we have a good use for empty plastic bottles (or cardboard carpet tubes, if you have any). If you use 2 litre drinks bottles, please donate any empties over the next few weeks. Simply leave them on the table in the coffee area. These will provide the walls for the hotels. If you have an old carpet tube (the dense cardboard tube at the centre of a roll of carpet or vinyl), it would be amazing if you could donate that! Especially if you could cut into lengths of about 10-12 inches first!! **Thank you.**

**Organ Appeal:** by the end of the summer holidays, the Working Group should have an updated cost of Phase 2 of the organ refurbishment project. A second quote has been received and Dan will be comparing the two over the summer. The draft plan envisages the work being done in the autumn of 2026, although there is much to be done before we can be sure of that! We hope to have further information in the autumn.

### **A Prayer for Peace**

God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan today. We pray for all the world's war zones, for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence; for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them; for those with power of war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, asking you to hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

**Deadline for newsletter items: 12 noon on Wednesday**

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