

Church Duties For May

	Flowers	Church Cleaning	Sidesmen
6th	C Lawton	L&D Griffin	D&L Griffin
13th	C Lawton	T&J Forster	D&T Pegg
20th	D Pegg		T&K Wright
27th	D Pegg	C Micklewright +?	L&C Bennion
	Old Testament	New Testament	Server
6th	Alan Smith	Chris Bailey	S B Fanstone
13th	no reader	Celia Fanstone	Jackie Rockey
20th	Lynne Evans	Verna Plummer	S B Fanstone
27th	Mike Evans	Christine Belton	Jackie Rockey

Diary Dates for May 2018

Please note Yoga is now **Wednesday evenings, not Mondays**

- 1st Tues WI 7p.m. Details inside.
- 2nd Wed Yoga 6.15 – 7.30p.m.
- 8th Tues Parish Council
- 9th Wed Yoga 6.15 – 7.30p.m.
- 10th Thurs Spectrum Art Group 10-1p.m.
- 10th Thurs Village Hall Committee AGM 8p.m.
- 15th Tues Tea-set. Details inside.
- 16th Wed Yoga 6.15 – 7.15p.m.
- 16th Wed PCC 7.30p.m.
- 18th Fri Recital. Details inside.
- 20th Sun PN deadline
- 23rd Wed Yoga 6.15 – 7.30p.m.

ORGANISATIONS

Choir Practice

Tuesdays 6.30pm (in Church)

Director of Music: Gill Thorley (878293)

Barthomley W.I.

1st Tuesday in the month. 7pm Village Hall

President Beverley Newton (07912 213426)

Bell-ringing Practice

Wednesdays 7.30—9.00 Contact: Steve Hawthorn (07951470123)

PARISH NEWS

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BARTHOMLEY PARISH INFORMATION

Priest in Charge	Canon Darrel Speedy	01270	877112
Assistant Priest	Rev. Angela Speedy	“	“
Churchwarden	Chris Bailey	“	873253
Treasurer	Len Griffin	“	879771
Deputy Churchwardens	Vera Bennion	“	873949
	Mary Morris	“	873930
PCC Secretary	Charlotte Chatterton	“	489112
Verger	Sally Gresty	“	872982
PCC Chairman	Canon Darrel Speedy	“	877112
Village Hall Bookings	Margaret Lawson	“	876447
Parish Council.Chairman	Brian Whittaker	“	882313
Parish News Editor	Chris Richards crgables@gmail.com	“	873355
Balterley Treasurer	Mike Elkin	“	878454
BAG Chairman	Viv Belcher		07597874574
Parish Clerk	Mark Bailey mbailey87@hotmail.com	01782	522492
Barthomley Bowling Club	Norman Lawson	01270	876447

Weddings – Baptisms – Funerals

Contact **Canon Speedy** also please telephone him if you know of anyone who is sick at home or in hospital.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2018

6. SUNDAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Rogation)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (CW)

10. Thursday ASCENSION DAY

10.30am Holy Communion

13. SUNDAY SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

10.30am Baptism Eucharist

16. Wednesday Parochial Church Council 7.30pm Village Hall

18. Friday 12noon Organ Recital – Graham Brown

20. SUNDAY WHITSUNDAY

10.30am Sung Eucharist (CW)

27. SUNDAY TRINITY SUNDAY

10.30am Sung Eucharist (CW)

VESTRY and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the meeting held during the service on April 8th, the following were elected:

Churchwarden	Mrs Christine Bailey
PCC members	Mrs Vera Bennion
	Mr Charles Bennion
	Mrs Sally Gresty
	Mrs Mary Morris
	Mrs Charlotte Chatterton
	Mr Len Griffin
	Mrs Celia Fanstone
	Mrs Christine Richards

BARTHOMLEY BELL TOWER

WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY RINGING

An appeal has gone out to church bell ringers around Britain to join in a major event this year to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1.

To mark the armistice it is hoped that more than 1000 churches and cathedrals will ring their bells simultaneously at 7.05 pm on the night of November 11th 2018.

It would be fitting if the Barthomley tower participated in the event as a tribute to everyone who served on the battlefields, in the air, on the high seas and on the home front.

At the moment Barthomley church bells are rung only for special occasions with the assistance of ringers from neighbouring towers. Their folk obviously will not be available.

So for Barthomley to achieve this objective we need five or so new or past ringers to be involved.

If you would like to learn to ring for this special event or as a past ringer be prepared to take part please contact me on 877731, text 07951470123 or email me on stephenhawthorn3@gmail.com

Renovation of Clergy Vestry.

For many years, there has been a persistent damp problem in the clergy vestry. Matters came to a head last Autumn when the timber floor began to subside which triggered urgent discussions with the diocesan architect. Based on advice from the architect, it was agreed to replace the flooring from timber to solid, install a dado around the vestry walls and upgrade external drainage. The specification was put out to tender and won by a local firm, Nuthatch Land Works run by Richard Nield. The total cost including professional fees, refurbishment and VAT (which it is hoped will be recovered) is estimated in the region of £25,000. The PCC are pleased to advise that the contractors completed the job on Friday 20th April leaving just the floor covering to be installed in a few week's time.

Len Griffin

World War 1 Remembered

Britain and the rest of Europe had suffered a gruelling war and after four years of struggle, the nation was looking forward to peace. But for the young, far from distant battlefields, there was something else on their minds, something whose effects they witnessed. As they skipped rope they sang:

I had a little bird

Its name was Enza

I opened the window,

And in-flu-enza.

As the Great War was ending, a threat emerged that was even more lethal than the fighting that had brutally cut down so many young men. The influenza pandemic of 1918-19 claimed the lives of between 20 and 40 million people around the world, at least three times the number killed in the war. Glasgow was the first British city to be affected, in May 1918, and within weeks the illness had spread south, reaching London by June. During the next few months, 228,000 people died in Britain.