

## This week's diary

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY</b>	
	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
	3.00pm	St Edmund's Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>No Services today</i>	
	5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
	6.30pm	Cub Scouts
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00pm	Scouts
	7.15pm*	Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30pm*	Eucharist
	7.45pm	Sleeping Beauty
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am*	Eucharist
	7.45pm	Sleeping Beauty
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am*	Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
	7.45pm	Sleeping Beauty
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am*	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Sleeping Beauty
	7.45pm	Sleeping Beauty
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>	
	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday

\* Other than on Sunday, Eucharist services are preceded thirty minutes earlier by Morning or Evening Prayer



**THE ORBIT**

# WELCOME to St. Edmund's

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

## THE EPIPHANY

### Today's Services

**8.00am Eucharist**

**10.00am Sung Eucharist**

*Prelude: The Three Kings – Cornelius, arr. Hammond*

*Setting: Healey Willan*

*Anthem: The Shepherd's Farewell - Berlioz*

*Hymns: 52, 49, 47, 48, R42*

*Postlude: Wie Schoen Leuchtet Der Morgenstern – Bach*

*Please join us for refreshments  
after the 10am Eucharist in the Hall*

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**Please take this home with you  
for your reference and prayers this week**

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## Notices

### Today's Readings

**Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12**

*What has happened in the incarnation? What has happened is that God has made himself known to the whole of humanity and the whole of creation.*

*Isaiah prophesies to the city of Jerusalem, 'Nations will stream to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' Because of God's goodness to Israel in returning the people from exile to the holy city, Jerusalem is seen as the focus of God's attention on earth.*

*The wise men who came to visit the infant Jesus came in response to something disclosed to them. It is a common feature of religious understanding that it is God himself who reveals himself. The writer to the Ephesians understands Paul's presentation of the gospel to the gentiles in this way. God is revealing himself through Paul to the un-enlightened.*

*The coming of the wise men from the east to Jerusalem is one of the most marvellous stories in the Christian tradition. They come to represent all nations, all ethnic groups and all parts of the earth. Their gifts come to be associated with wealth, divinity and embalming; but they also symbolize the value of the gifts which are appropriate to offer God.*

### For your prayers this week...

**The sick:** Amy Austin, Julie Bent, Suzanne Cooper, Barbara Fairclough, Bernard Fairclough, Kay Fletcher, Betty Glass, Darren Hale, Margaret Messenger, Suzanne Nicholls, Bill and Joan Rix, Charlie Shirran, Ros Shirran, Allan Whalley, Julie Windsor, Rachel Windsor.

### THE PARISH PRAYER

O eternal Father,  
help us to build up the Church in this parish  
to the glory of your name,  
in honour of St Edmund,  
and for the hope and inspiration of all your people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

**PLANNED GIVING.** Users of envelopes for their Planned Giving will find their dedicated envelopes for 2017 ready for collection from the bookcase at the back of the church.

**SLEEPING BEAUTY.** The St Edmund's Pantomime continues this afternoon and then from Wednesday until Saturday. Tickets are available after today's 10 am service or from 020 8428 1349.

**BLESSING OF CHALK.** Chalk is customarily blessed on the feast of the Epiphany. The chalk is a sacramental, intended for the blessings of homes. The chalk is used to mark 20 + C + M + B + 17 on the lintel of the main door and the following prayer is used:

*O Lord, almighty God, bless this house that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the Commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Upon this house and those who dwell here may Your blessing remain forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CMB stands for the traditional names of the three kings Casper Melchior and Balthazar and also Christus mansionem benedicat (Christ bless our home).

When the chalk is blessed the following is used

+ Our help is the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Bless, O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to your people. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, May through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

And the chalk is sprinkled with Holy Water