

This week's diary

Sunday 15th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
Monday 16th	<i>No Services today</i> 5.00pm Beaver Scouts 6.30pm Cub Scouts
Tuesday 17th	ST ANTHONY OF EGYPT 7.00pm Scouts 7.15pm* Eucharist
Wednesday 18th	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 5.30pm* Eucharist 7.00pm Youth Club
Thursday 19th	ST WULFSTAN 10.00am* Eucharist 8.00pm Badminton Group
Friday 20th	8.30am* Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 21st	ST AGNES 9.30am* Eucharist
Sunday 22nd	THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday 4.00pm Churches Together service at Emmanuel Church, Northwood as part of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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



THE ORBIT

WELCOME to St. Edmund's

Sunday 15th January 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Dix" – M.Archer

Setting: Burton

Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – J.S.Bach

*Hymns: 56 (omit *), R37, 57, 305, 55*

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue No 1 in C – J.S.Bach

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

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for your reference and prayers this week**

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

Today's scripture readings focus on the faithfulness of God, and how God's faithfulness in the past is the basis for trust in his continued care.

Isaiah, in the first reading, calls the nations to listen to God's purpose. He speaks of Israel being called by God to be a blessing to the whole earth. Even though they have wandered from this vocation, yet, the prophet says, God will not give up on his people; and his promise of blessing to the nations through Israel will be faithfully fulfilled.

In a similar vein, the passage from Corinthians begins with Paul reminding the assembly of their call by God: they are 'set apart', he says –belonging to God and to those who call on Jesus as Lord. Without mentioning the Corinthians' failures, Paul can be thankful for God's faithfulness in richly giving to them, by the Spirit, gifts to understand and to declare God's truth. The God who called them into his family of sharing will give them the strength they need to persevere until the last day.

Unlike the other Gospel writers, John does not depict Jesus' baptism. He is more concerned with the testimony/witness of John the Baptist and others to Jesus – who they say he is. With knowledge given by God, the Baptist declares that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus will be the one through whom God acts faithfully to save the world from its bondage to sin and death. John's repeated testimony to the Lamb, in language simple, yet rich with meaning, leads two of his own disciples to become followers of this teacher. As a result of coming and seeing, they remain with Jesus and their lives are changed forever. Andrew tells his brother Simon that Jesus is the Messiah, and following that insight leads to a new identity.

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.

Notices

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.

HARROW HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY EVENT. "How can life go on?" - Monday January 30th, 7-9 pm (Doors open 6.30 pm). Elliott Hall, Harrow Arts Centre, Hatch End. Guest of Honour: Holocaust Survivor, Marla Tribich O.B.E. For further information see the poster on the notice board.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts on Wednesday. There will be a Churches Together Service next Sunday at 4pm at Emmanuel Church Northwood.

EASY FUNDRAISING. If you haven't yet registered and you shop online please do and register St Edmund the King as your 'cause'. That way we will get a percentage of what you spend and it will cost you nothing - to date sixteen supporters have raised £76.15!
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stedmundtheking/>

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