

This week's diary

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
Monday 23rd	<i>No Services today</i> 5.00pm Beaver Scouts 6.30pm Cub Scouts
Tuesday 24th	FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP OF GENEVA 7.00pm Scouts 7.15pm* Eucharist
Wednesday 25th	THE CONVERSION OF PAUL 5.30pm* Eucharist 7.00pm Youth Club
Thursday 26th	TIMOTHY & TITUS, COMPANIONS OF PAUL 10.00am* Eucharist 8.00pm Badminton Group
Friday 27th	8.30am* Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 28th	THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, PHILOSOPHER 9.30am* Eucharist
Sunday 29th	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS) 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 22nd January 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Stuttgart" – F. Peeters

Setting: Darke in F

Anthem: A Gaelic Blessing – John Rutter

Hymns: 352, 234, 425, R40, 361

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue No 2 in Dm – J.S. 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

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. There will be a Churches Together Service this afternoon 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 £76.65!
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stedmundtheKing/>

Today's Readings

Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

Today's readings tell us that we can have confidence that, wherever we find ourselves, God is at work to bring the saving light of Christ.

Isaiah speaks with confidence that, even in the remote and vulnerable area of northern Israel, God's plan of deliverance will come to pass. Although it seemed too much to hope for at the time, light and joy were on the way for those who lived in oppression because a divinely powerful descendant of David would come with authority, breaking their bonds.

The apostle Paul reminds the Corinthians that by over emphasising their personal loyalty to particular leaders they were all in danger of losing sight of their far more important common allegiance to Christ, and their unity in him.

Matthew records that Jesus' appearance in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, a fulfilment of our Old Testament lesson. The main point here is that Jesus begins his ministry precisely in the same area of spiritual darkness as the Davidic king foretold by Isaiah, and the light that he brings comes with the declaration that God's reign is near. The immediate response of both sets of fishing brothers reflects his authority as he calls them to join his purpose.

For your prayers this week...

The sick: Amy Austin, Julie Bent, Suzanne Cooper, Barbara Fairclough, Bernard Fairclough, Kay Fletcher, Ollie Gardiner, Betty Glass, Darren Hale, Margaret Messenger, Suzanne Nicholls, Joan Rix, Ros Shirran, Charlie Shirran, Fred Webb, Allan Whalley, Julie Windsor, Rachel Windsor, Nora Wood.

Recently Departed: Bill Rix

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