

This week's diary

Sunday 5th	FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
Monday 6th	<i>No services today</i> 5.00pm Beaver Scouts 6.30pm Cub Scouts
Tuesday 7th	<i>No services today</i> 7.00pm Scouts
Wednesday 8th	<i>No services today</i> 7.00pm Youth Club
Thursday 9th	10.00am Eucharist 8.00pm Badminton Group
Friday 10th	<i>No services today</i>
Saturday 11th	9.30am Eucharist
Sunday 12th	THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday



THE ORBIT

WELCOME to St. Edmund's

Sunday 5th February 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Promenade Sentimentale - V. Cosma

Setting: Heath in D

Anthem: These are they – John Goss

Hymns: 254, R44, 420, 466, R13

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue No 4 in F – 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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Notices

Today's Readings

Isaiah 58.1-9; 1 Corinthians 2.1-12; Matthew 5.13-20

Today, in the famous teaching in Matthew about salt and light, we are encouraged to recognise that ordinary things can make a difference. Jesus uses two vivid metaphors, salt and light, necessary to human flourishing. Just as real salt (as opposed to salt mixed with impurities) does not lose its taste, so disciples do not lose their capacity to season their surroundings with God's blessing.

The second image centres on visibility. Just as it is ridiculous to hide a light, so it is foolish to suggest that committed disciples will be invisible through failing to do God's work. Both images describe the disciples' mission in terms often used for Israel's, such as their 'light breaking forth like the dawn' of Isaiah 58. Like Israel, the purpose of the disciples' activity is to glorify God, not themselves.

In the passage from 1 Corinthians Paul maintains that human wisdom alone is not enough to communicate the good news. It is only through the gifts of the Holy Spirit that Christ can be fully known, and the shocking truth that the cross is at the heart of his ministry be appreciated.

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: Quamari Barnes



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BONUS BALL GAME. We hope to start a new game beginning from the draw on Saturday Feb.18th. The game costs £10 for 10 weeks and the winner each week doubles the money they put in. We need 49 numbers covered and you can have more than one number-providing you pay! It is an easy way to collect £290 for church funds. Please see Steve for details and to give your money to.

SLEEPING BEAUTY. Arrow Players would like to give a huge Thank You to all those members of the congregation who helped at the pantomime by selling programmes, ushering and doing refreshments. You're as much a part of the show as anyone else, and we're most grateful.

WOMEN'S GUILD. The Guild will be holding the AGM in the Lady Chapel on Tuesday 14th February at 2.30pm which will be followed by refreshments.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS. 2nd Northwood Scout Group are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please place them in the box in the foyer.

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