

## This week's diary

This week is half term – please check the running of regular events with the relevant organisations

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>
8.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>No services today</i>
5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
6.30pm	Cub Scouts
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CYRIL AND METHODIUS, MISSIONARIES</b>
2.30pm	Women's Guild AGM
7.00pm	Scouts
7.15pm*	Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	12.30pm Funeral of Father Reg Ames at St John's Church, Moffat
5.30pm*	Eucharist
7.00pm	Youth Club
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am* Eucharist
8.00pm	Badminton Group
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>JANANI LUWUM, ARCHBISHOP OF UGANDA</b>
8.30am*	Eucharist
6.30pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am* Eucharist
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with S.O.S

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



**THE ORBIT**

# WELCOME

to St. Edmund's

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017**  
**THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

### Today's Services

**8.00am Eucharist**

**10.00am Sung Eucharist**

*Prelude: Canon in D – J.Pachelbel*

*Setting: Wadely*

*Anthem: Love is the touch of intangible joy – J.Barnard*

*Hymns: 404, 339, 483, R38, 318*

*Postlude: Prelude and Fugue No 5 – 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

**Deuteronomy 30.15-20; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9; Matthew 5.21-37**

*Linking the readings today is the observation that God's teachings, though costly and demanding, are a gift, calling for a vital choice.*

*That observation is introduced in the reading from Deuteronomy. Life and blessing form a real option given by God, the author says; the choice is in Israel's hands. The psalmist delights in God's teachings as a wonderful gift and seeks from God the gift of steadfastness in order to keep them.*

*In the passage from Corinthians Paul observes that spiritual maturity involves adopting God's values and purposes in our relations with others. The Corinthians have the benefit of the Holy Spirit, but in their divisions over leaders they are not acting very spiritually. Their jealous quarrels reflect a childish immaturity and a dependence upon merely human values rather than those of the God to whom they belong.*

*In Matthew, Jesus calls for a costly obedience that seeks reconciliation, avoids temptation, and proves trustworthy, keeping one's promises. He is urging a deeper spirituality and righteousness than simply outward observance.*

### 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:** Father Reg Ames



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**FATHER REG AMES.** We are sad to announce the death of Father Reg Ames, Vicar of St Edmund's for over thirty years (1961-1992) and who was the driving force behind the building of the present church, which was begun in July 1963 and consecrated by the Bishop of London in October 1964. The funeral will take place this Wednesday at 12.30 pm in St John's Church, Moffat. Those who remember him might pray for him on that day. There will be a Requiem Mass here at St' Edmund's and Fr Reg has asked that his ashes be interred in the Remembrance Garden. Dates are yet to be finalised.

**BONUS BALL GAME.** There are only a few numbers left for the latest round of the Bonus Ball Game which begins this Saturday. It costs £10 for 10 weeks and the winner each week doubles the money they put in. Please see Steve for details.

**CHRISTMAS DONATIONS.** Very grateful thanks to all who donated towards the cost of the Christmas Flowers raising £71.79 and the Christmas Card Box raising £103.96 towards General Funds. Your support is much appreciated.

**CHOIR.** 9.15am choir rehearsals will be restarting next Sunday morning. We have a new congregational mass to learn and new repertoire for services later in the year.

**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 their AGM in the Lady Chapel this Tuesday at 2.30pm which will be followed by refreshments.

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