

This week's diary

Sunday 19th	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
Monday 20th	<i>No services today</i>
5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 21st	7.00pm Scouts
	7.15pm* Eucharist
Wednesday 22nd	5.30pm* Eucharist
	7.00pm Youth Club
Thursday 23rd	POLYCARP, BISHOP OF SMYRNA, MARTYR
10.00am*	Eucharist
8.00pm	Badminton Group
Friday 24th	8.30am* Eucharist
	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 25th	9.30am* Eucharist
Sunday 26th	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
	3.30pm Classic Concert

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



THE ORBIT

WELCOME to St. Edmund's

Sunday 19th February 2017
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Master Tallis's Testament – H.Howells

Setting: Darke in E

Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you – J.Rutter

Hymns: 333, R30, 397, R40, 204

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue No 6 – 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

Today's Readings

Isaiah 49.8-16a; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5; Matthew 6.25-34

The book of Isaiah is written in the context of exile, and in today's passage the prophet brings a word of hope –those hidden in exile will be gathered together again, and experience once more the particular care of the Lord.

Writing to the Corinthians Paul sets out his credentials as an apostle of the Lord: he is a steward of God's mysteries, answerable to God for the charge that has been laid upon him.

We meet two complimentary thoughts in today's gospel –on the one hand we are totally dependent on the earth and cannot escape our situation in it, as Jesus reminds us that we cannot alter change our physical being. But on the other hand, Jesus tells us, we can transcend all these limitations through God our Father.

It appears as if Jesus' plea for us to cast aside anxiety sounds, at first, like a call to be other worldly; but on a deeper level his teaching is that God's kingdom, and the way of life that goes with it; the 'righteousness', or covenant behaviour, the way of life, that mark out God's people; these are the things we should aim at, and then all else falls into place.

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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CLASSIC CONCERTS! Next Sunday at 3.30pm. Pianist Haruko Seki will be playing music by Schumann, Liszt, Maxwell Davies, Messiaen, Ireland and Prokofiev. Tickets are £6 including refreshments and may be reserved in advance on 01923 821869. There are two further concerts in the season. On Sunday April 23rd Mark Hammond will be celebrating St George's Day with a programme of English Music on both piano and organ. On Sunday June 11th there will be a performance of music for clarinet, saxophone and piano by Joanne Rozario and Yukiko Shinohara.

£100! We have passed £100 raised for St Edmund's by Easyfundraising! Thank you to all those who have been using this site and if you shop online please consider registering as most retailers support this cause which costs you nothing.

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.

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