

## This week's diary

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8.00am Eucharist 9.15am Choir Practice 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>	2.30pm Women's Guild 7.00pm Scouts 7.15pm Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30pm Eucharist <b>No Youth Group</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am Eucharist 7.45pm Lent Group
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY</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>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>JOSEPH OF NAZARETH</b> 8.00am Eucharist 9.15am Choir Practice 10.00am Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday



**THE ORBIT**

# WELCOME to St. Edmund's

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Today's Services

**8.00am Eucharist**

**10.00am Sung Eucharist**

*Prelude: Allegretto Grazioso – F. Bridge*

*Setting: Merbecke*

*Anthem: O come ye servants of the Lord - Tye*

*Hymns: 67, 337, 449, 73, 453*

*Postlude: Aus tiefer not schrei ich zu dir - J.G. Walther*

*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

#### **Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17**

*Through the readings today we see the commitment of God to the promises he has made to his people, and see that his covenant promise reaches its fulfillment in the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

*Chapter 12 of Genesis marks an important stage in the development of Israel's relationship to God. Whilst many of the previous chapters have been marked by the punishment and scattering of the people, in this chapter the Lord now shows his commitment to blessing and uniting – through Abraham.*

*The significance of Abraham as the father of this people is picked up by Paul writing to the Romans, who speaks of Abraham as the one who demonstrated faith in God's promises even before he began to do God's will. The true heirs of Abraham, then, are not ones who strictly adhere to Torah, but demonstrate faith in God – in these last days through God's Messiah, Jesus.*

*The thrilling account of the Transfiguration given by Matthew (the most 'Jewish' of all the gospel writers) draws on Old Testament imagery, with Moses and Elijah in the scene to represent the law and the prophets respectively. The message is clear: Jesus is no 'Johnny come lately', but stands in the very centre of mainstream Jewish tradition. Peter was keen for Moses and Elijah to remain present, and it may be that the divine affirmation of the Son was meant to stress the sufficiency of Jesus alone for the task that lay ahead - 'This is my Son... Listen to him'. Coming on this Sunday in Lent the Transfiguration points us to the glory of the Lord which will be revealed on another hill top, that of Calvary –where God's covenant promise will ultimately be fulfilled.*

### **For your prayers this week...**

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

**Anniversaries of death:** Anne Bosworth-Smith, Allan Fairclough, Nancy Jackson, Pauline Ambrose, Joan Dunsford, Basil Davies (Priest)

**WOMEN'S GUILD** This Tuesday at 2.30pm - there will be a trip around Kew Gardens via slides, presented by Jenny Jones; it will be followed by tea. All are welcome. Members' subscriptions will be collected at the meeting.

**LENT COURSE** This year's Lent Course – *Christ and the Chocolaterie* – continues on Thursday at 7.45pm in the Hall.

**BISHOP OF LONDON** Following the retirement of Bishop Richard as Bishop of London the Vacancy in See Committee has asked for feedback from parishes regarding the appointment of a new Bishop. There are some booklets at the back of church if you would like to be involved. Please take one and hand it to one of the churchwardens when completed by 19th March at the latest.

**LENT ENVELOPES** are available at the back of the Church for your Lent Savings.

**CONFESSIONS DURING LENT** Fr Michael is available during Lent to hear confessions and there will be set times during Holy Week. If you wish to make an appointment please speak to him.

**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.