

This week's diary

Sunday 26th

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8.00am Eucharist
9.15am Choir Practice
10.00am Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum
on Sunday

Monday 27th

No services today

5.00pm Beaver Scouts
6.30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 28th

7.00pm Scouts
7.15pm Eucharist

Wednesday 29th

5.30pm Eucharist
7.00pm Youth Group

Thursday 30th

10.00am Eucharist
7.45pm Lent Course

Friday 31st

8.30am Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 1st

9.30am Eucharist

Sunday 2nd

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
PASSION SUNDAY**

8.00am Eucharist
9.15am Choir Practice
10.00am Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum
on Sunday



THE ORBIT

WELCOME

to St. Edmund's

Sunday 26th March 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Ave Maria – G.Caccini

Setting: Maher

Anthem: The Lord is my Shepherd – H.Goodall

Hymns: 264, R37, 408, R39, R17

Postlude: Sortie in E Flat – L.Lefebure-Wely

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

Samuel 16.1-13; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41 (8am only)

The pink frontal on the altar signals our arrival at mid-Lent, and the traditional respite from the rigours of the Lenten fast!

In John chapter 9 we're given the story of the healing of the man born blind, and the subsequent difficulty of the crowds and Pharisees to grasp who Jesus is. There is a prominent theme of light and illumination. The one who is physically blind gains physical sight and eventually recognises and puts faith in Jesus (9.36). In view of Jesus' proclamation that he is the 'light of the world' the rest of the people are sceptical, some hostile. It is also possible that this encounter takes place during the Hanukkah, the feast of 'lights' (cf. 10.22), which also carries the theme of illumination.

So the question posed by this gospel is; where is our spiritual blindness? What causes our vision to be narrow, so that, like the Pharisees, we miss the eternal power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

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: Evelyn Griffin, Patricia Dawson, Betty Isard, Derek Bednall

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

WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday 4th April at 1.00 pm. There will be a Soup Lunch arranged by Rachel Windsor in aid of the Lent Appeal; there will also be a raffle. Tickets can be obtained from Hilda Greenfield for £3.00. All are welcome to join us for this worthwhile appeal.

FATHER REG AMES A Requiem and Interment of Ashes for Father Reg will be held at St Edmund's on Saturday May 27th at 12.00pm.

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 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