

This week's diary

Sunday 2nd

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
PASSION SUNDAY**

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

Monday 3rd

No services today

5.00pm Beaver Scouts
6.30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 4th

1.00pm Women's Guild Soup Lunch
7.00pm Scouts
7.15pm Eucharist

Wednesday 5th

5.30pm Eucharist
7.00pm Youth Group

Thursday 6th

10.00am Eucharist – Healing Service
7.45pm Lent Course

Friday 7th

8.30am Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 8th

9.30am Eucharist

Sunday 9th

PALM SUNDAY

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THE ORBIT

WELCOME

to St. Edmund's

Sunday 2nd April 2017

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8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Herzlich Thut Mich Verlangen - J.Brahms

Setting: Merbecke

Anthem: O Saviour of the world – J.Goss

Hymns: 94, 342, 79, 82, 84

Postlude: O Mensch, Bewein Dein Sunde Gross - 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

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

All the readings attest to the God who does the impossible. He promises to bring the dead bones of Israel to life – to return from exilic abandonment and prosper in the land of promise (Ezekiel). The psalmist trusts in the God who rescues him from the hopeless deep (Psalm 130). Jesus walks up to a tomb concealing a putrid corpse and calls this man out of the darkness and restores his life without lifting a finger (John). Paul stands on the other side of the victory of Jesus' resurrection and confirms God's power through the Spirit to do the impossible – and that this work will be final when Christ comes again (Romans).

In Ezekiel the depiction of the Lord drawing together and forming the life, and especially the language of breathing life into the dead bodies, is reminiscent of Genesis 1-2 and the 'inspiration' of the first people of God. With this new scene, the God of creation promises to work in his people to give them life and to restore them.

The story of the raising of Lazarus by Jesus is the last of the 'signs' that he performs in John's Gospel and the most important and powerful one. The close relationship Jesus has with Lazarus is underscored by the description of him as the one Jesus loved (11.3). One need not look too far for evidence that Lazarus was really dead – his corpse carried the stench of decay (11.39). Nevertheless, Jesus bids him to come out and the scene foreshadows Jesus' own resurrection. However, while Lazarus walks out bound and goes on to live as a normal human again, Jesus apparently removes his own grave clothes and lives, not just after death, but in victory over it.

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: Ethel Deacon, Esther and Harry Norris, Frank Davis, Helena Domanska

LENT COURSE This year's course concludes on Thursday 7.45pm.

WOMEN'S GUILD This Tuesday 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.

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.

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR EASTER If you would like to contribute to the cost of flowers for Easter, please put your donations in the box on the Font.

THE WATCH OF THE PASSION is kept in the Lady Chapel from the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, all through the night to the Liturgy of Good Friday. Please help to keep the Watch unbroken - sign up on the sheet in the Foyer.

FILM EVENING The next Film Evening is on Saturday April 29th. We will be showing "Pay it Forward" starring Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt (highly recommended by Fr Michael) There will be a Fish and Chip supper- alternatives offered if you do not eat fish!. Doors open at 6,00pm, supper 6.15, film begins at 7.00pm. Tickets £12 (cost of fish and chips has gone up). Orders taken from today from Jenny Jones or ring 020 8866 7173.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE The sale will take place on Saturday May 20th from 10.30am. Do you have any spare pots that you could return to us as we could use them! If you have any perennials that you could divide and could then sell please let us know and we will collect if at all possible. PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE - we will be asking for your help on the day.

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