This week's diary

Sunday 16th	**EASTER DAY**	
	10.00am	Blessing of the Easter garden and Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
Monday 17th	*No Services*	
Tuesday 18th	*No Services*	
Wednesday 19th	*No Services*	
Thursday 20th	10.00am	Eucharist
Friday 21st	*No Services*	
Saturday 22nd	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 23rd	**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**	
	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
	3.30pm	Classic Concert–Mark Hammond

THE ORBIT

WELCOME
to St. Edmund's

Sunday 16th April 2017

EASTER DAY

Today's Service

10.00am **Sung Eucharist**

Prelude: Toccata in D Minor – J.S.Bach

Setting: Darke in F

Anthem: O Thou the Central Orb – C.Wood

Hymns: 109, 110, 104, 117, 112

Postlude: Fugue in D Minor – J.S.Bach

Please join us for refreshments after the 10am Eucharist in the Hall

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Today's Readings
Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

The resurrection of Christ presents the victory of God, the defeat of death, and a new way of life.

In the reading from Acts Peter delivers a message to a Gentile audience about the universality of salvation through Christ. He is insistent in this speech that there is one God and one Lord over all, and speaks of his own role as a witness to the resurrection. He then succinctly delivers the message of Easter: forgiveness of sins and new life for all.

In Colossians, Paul is, in part, countering a view (probably promoted by outsiders) that the believers there needed to do and have certain things to draw close to God – such as visionary experiences and self-denial. Paul persistently argues that having Christ is not the beginning of intimacy with God, but its climax. The resurrection takes us from the realm of death to the realm of life –and we must live as those redeemed.

John's account of the resurrection offers a very unusual and anecdotal portrayal. One interesting piece of detail given by John is that Simon Peter and the 'beloved disciple' see the linens (with which Jesus' body was wrapped) lying in the tomb, and the cloth that would have been around his head was there as well. This may have been an easy way to show that Jesus' body was not stolen – who risks carefully removing these cloths under such circumstances?

However, there is also an important theological point to this comment. The scene of Jesus' resurrection certainly bears comparison with the raising of Lazarus (John 11.38-44). While both men 'rose' from their tombs, Lazarus struggles within his burial cloths and must be unbound by others. On the other hand, the scene in John 20 is quiet and 'neat' – no muffled moans of a bound man. The folded clothes demonstrate a victorious Jesus who did not struggle against death in his transition to new life.

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, Joan Rix, Ian Roberts, Ros Shirran, Charlie Shirran, Fred Webb, Allan Whalley, Julie Windsor, Rachel Windsor, Nora Wood

Anniversaries of death: Jack Greenfield, Hugh Fairclough, Pat Crawford, Edith Rabson, Howard Williams

Notices

FROM FATHER MICHAEL Many thanks to everyone who has contributed towards Holy Week and the Easter celebration including musicians, servers, Spectrum on Sunday leaders, flower arrangers, gardeners, refreshment providers and cleaners.

CLASSIC CONCERT Next Sunday at 3.30pm, Mark Hammond will give a concert of music for piano and organ to celebrate St George's Day, with music by Elgar, Delius, Ketelbey, Walton, Rodney Bennett and Handel. Tickets £6, including refreshments, may be reserved in advance. Tel 01923 821869.

FILM EVENING On Saturday April 29th at 6.00pm we will be showing "Pay it Forward" starring Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt and Haley Joel Osment. Tickets £12 to include Fish and Chips (non-fish options available). Tickets from Jenny Jones (020 8866 7173).

ANNUAL PLANT SALE Saturday May 20th at 10.30am. We would be grateful for any spare pots and/or perennials.

OTHER DIARY DATES

Apr 27th	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (8.00pm)
May 11th – 13th	Arrow Players - "The Vicar of Dibley" (7.45pm)
May 25th	Ascension Day
May 27th	Requiem Mass and Interment of Ashes - Father Reg Ames (12.00pm)
May 28th	Beating the Bounds (2.30pm)
Jun 11th	Classic Concert (3.30pm)
Jun 15th	Corpus Christi
Jun 17th	Summer Fair