

This week's diary

Sunday 28th	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday
2.30pm	Beating the Bounds
Monday 29th	<i>No services today</i>
5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 30th	7.00pm Scouts
	7.15pm Eucharist
Wednesday 31st	VISITATION OF THE BVM
5.30pm	Eucharist
7.00pm	Youth Group
Thursday 1st	10.00am Eucharist
	7.00pm Sung Eucharist
	7.45pm Badminton Group
Friday 2nd	8.30am Eucharist
	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 3rd	9.30am Eucharist, followed by prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 4th	THE DAY OF PENTECOST
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with Spectrum on Sunday

This is half term and regular events may not run. Please check.



THE ORBIT

**WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 28th May 2017**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Choral – L.Vierne

Setting: Thorne

Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus – W.A.Mozart

*Hymns: 338 (omit *), 337, 271, 378, 368*

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on "Nun Danket" – Karg-Elert

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

Vicar: Father Michael Miller
vicar@saintedmundschurch.org.uk

020 8866 9230

www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk

**Please take this home with you
for your reference and prayers this week**

orbit@saintedmundschurch.org.uk

Today's Readings

Acts 1.6-14; 1 Peter 4.12-14,5.6-11; John 17.1-11

The Scripture readings today continue the theme we began on Thursday, when we celebrated Ascension Day: Christ is exalted, focusing God's love, challenging his disciples to witness, and giving them hope of reunion with him.

Acts speaks most explicitly of Jesus' return to heaven and the promises and challenges it poses to the disciples. While the disciples' amazement at the sight is understandable, the angels encourage them to engage with the challenges of the present, rather than spending time gazing up to heaven.

1 Peter promises that Christians who endure suffering faithfully will be exalted with Christ. Those who choose humbly to accept the consequences of their faith will find strength in God. The hope of exaltation to God's presence offers the Christians a compelling reason to tolerate their current difficulties.

In John, Jesus prays for his disciples as he is about to leave them. The hour of revelation, awaited throughout the Gospel, has now come, and it turns out to be the hour when the glory of Jesus and the Father is most fully revealed – on the cross. Jesus' glory, existing from before the world's beginning, is focused at the cross, in the way that light shines through a lens and converges at the focal point. Its result is the outpouring of eternal life on those who recognise the crucified Jesus as the Lord, sent by the Father..

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: Kathleen Horsnell, James Whybrow

Notices

BEATING THE BOUNDS We will be beating the bounds this afternoon, leaving church at 2.30pm. There will be tea on our return.

HELP WANTED If you are a car driver would you be willing to take one of the triangular posters advertising the Summer Fair from the back of the church and display it from one of your car windows. There are also A5 posters at the back. Could you take a few and persuade your local butcher, baker etc to put one up in their shop window? We need to attract people to come to the fair on June 17th. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ALSO COME AND SUPPORT ST EDMUND'S !!

THY KINGDOM COME The Archbishop of Canterbury is encouraging Christians throughout the world to join with him to pray during the ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost, for those who do not know God, but also it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring other to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. The website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> has many ideas for individuals and Churches should you wish to participate. Here at St Edmund's on the Eve of Pentecost – next Saturday - there will be an opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from the end of the Eucharist through to 5pm. Please sign up to cover a half hour period. There are also resources on line for personal prayer during the ten days. One way of praying is to use a Novena (nine days of prayer) and there are booklets at the back of church to help you do that.