This week's diary

Sunday 9 th	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Choir Practice
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with S.O.S
Monday 10 th	No services today	
	5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
	6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 11 th	2.30pm	Women's Guild
	7.00pm	Scouts
	7.15pm	Eucharist
Wednesday 12 th	5.30pm	Eucharist
-	7.00pm	Youth Group
Thursday 13 th	10.00am	Eucharist
	7.45pm	Badminton Group
Friday 14 th	8.30am	Eucharist
	4.00pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 15 th	9.30am	Eucharist
	2.00pm	Scouts Garden Party
Sunday 16 th	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Choir Practice
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, with S.O.S



WELCOME

to St. Edmund's Sunday 9th July 2017

THE ORBIT

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Clair de Lune – C.Debussy

Setting: Oldroyd (Thorne Gloria)

Anthem: Cantate Domino – G.Pitoni

Hymns: 377, 383, 271, 392, 388

Postlude: Voluntary No 6 – W.Boyce

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

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Today's Readings

Zechariah 9.9-12; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

A common theme in these passages is the way we distort what we experience to make it fit our pre-existing views. In the gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus accuses his opponents of just that, and notes that children and the powerless – with no vested interests to protect – are often better at seeing the truth than those with power or reputation at stake.

Writing to the Romans Paul tackles those who know from experience how difficult it is to follow the Law, but nevertheless want to impose it on others. Why is this wrong? Because submitting to the law sets oneself up for failure - However much one may want to observe it, the body – which seems to have a mind of its own – always lets one down. But those who are in Christ have no need to place themselves in this dilemma.

Zechariah and the psalm, however, take a slightly different approach. Both offer visions that go beyond experience. Zechariah offers a picture of peace still to be experienced, while the psalm imagines everyone and everything in creation praising God in ways we wish they would. We must be true to experience, but experience alone isn't enough; we also need hope.

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, Julie Windsor, Rachel Windsor, Nora Wood

Anniversaries of death: Fred and Irene Newman, Joyce Purser

Notices

- **WOMEN'S GUILD** This Tuesday at 2.30pm, the Women's Guild plans to go back to childhood! Come and join us for an afternoon of games that anyone can play. Lots of fun organised by Sylvia Swallow, to be followed by tea. All are welcome.
- **MESSY CHURCH** Our next Messy Church is this Friday from 4pm to 6pm. There will be games and a barbeque, hopefully outside. All are welcome, particularly families with children aged 5 to 11, so if you know of anyone who would like to join in please bring them along.
- **SCOUTS** 2nd Northwood Scout Hut 50th Anniversary Celebration All are welcome to a garden party at the rear of the Hall this Saturday from 2 5pm. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served and there will be games for the youngsters (and young at heart!). If you would like to come please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church.
- **MENCAP** On Thursday 20th July, Harrow Mencap will be holding a Summer Show at St Edmunds. There will be light refreshments at 10.30am followed by a Special Summer Show of songs and sketches put on by the clients of the Day Centre at Harrow Mencap Pinner Green. Then at 12.30pm join us up the road for an Open Day for Harrow Mencap's Special Summer Activities for our 70th Anniversary at Greenways Care Home, 633 Waxwell Lane, Pinner anytime from 12.30-3.00pm where a Buffet Lunch and Activities will be happening plus some very Special Guests. There are no tickets prices for these events but we hope people will come along and make a generous donation for Harrow Mencap Funds. Further Jeremy Child 07734 details from 955115 Jeremy.child@harrowmencap.org.uk.

ASSUMPTION A Sung Eucharist followed by House Blessing at the Vicarage and Drinks will take place on the Feast of the Asssumption on Tuesday $15^{\rm th}$ August.