

This week's diary

Sunday 30th

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Monday 31st

No services today

Tuesday 1st

7.15pm Eucharist

Wednesday 2nd

5.30pm Eucharist

Thursday 3rd

10.00am Eucharist

Friday 4th

8.30am Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 5th

9.30am Eucharist

Sunday 6th

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist



THE ORBIT

WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 30th July 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Setting: Thorne (Thorne Gloria)

Anthem: I give you a new commandment – P.Aston

Hymns: 74, R30, 336, R6, R19

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

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Today's Readings

1 Kings 3.5-12; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Taking the parables of the kingdom of heaven as a starting point, today's Gospel reading invites us to explore where we find our treasure and what we would be willing to sacrifice to gain that treasure.

In the books of Kings, kings prosper or fail according to how far they 'did what was right' or 'did what was evil' in the sight of the Lord. Solomon's choice highlights discernment between what is right and what is evil as, in the writer's view, the key role of all kings.

In Romans Paul outlines the hope with which he expects the believers to wait for the fulfilment of God's purpose. It is that God will not abandon them, no matter what might befall.

The narrative in Matthew's gospel suggests that the two parables in 31-33 are told to the crowds, while those in 44-50 and the teachings in 51-52 are in private discourse with the disciples. In broad terms, the message to the crowds is about how a small thing like Jesus' movement can become overwhelmingly significant. The message to the disciples is that they have something so valuable it is worth sacrificing everything for it. And, of course, that's precisely what many of Matthew's community have done.

Notices

ASSUMPTION A Sung Eucharist followed by House Blessing at the Vicarage and Drinks will take place on the Feast of the Assumption on Tuesday 15th August at 7pm.

CHOIR 9.15am choir practice will recommence on Sunday September 3rd.

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: Paul Hammond, Ronald Roe, Brian Lanham, Bob Richards