

This week's diary

Sunday 8th	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Monday 9th	<i>No services today</i>
5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 10th	S. PAULINUS OF YORK
7.00pm	Scouts
7.15pm	Eucharist
Wednesday 11th	
5.30pm	Eucharist
7.00pm	Youth Group
Thursday 12th	S. WILFRID
10.00am	Eucharist
7.45pm	Badminton Group
Friday 13th	S. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
8.30am	Eucharist
6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 14th	
9.30am	Eucharist
6.30pm	Deanery Choirs' Festival
Sunday 15th	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist



THE ORBIT

WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 8th Oct 2017

17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: To a wild rose – E. MacDowell

Setting: Bairstow (Thorne Gloria)

Anthem: Let us with a gladsome mind – A. Ridout

Hymns: 332, R44, 84, R26, R17

Postlude: Processional – W. Mathias

Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after the service

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for your reference and prayers this week**

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Notices

Today's Readings

Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

The theme running through the readings today is that God has planted a vineyard. Who will be the tenants fit to run it?

The key to understanding the passage from Isaiah is that the 'beloved' is God and the vineyard is the land of Israel, with the vine, which is not mentioned explicitly, as the nation or people as a whole. It is a brief and simple parable.

In a beautiful section of his letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of the way he wants to mirror Christ in his own life. He desires to share the pattern of his life: suffering, death and resurrection –though that heavenly call lies in the future.

The opening verses of the gospel from Matthew, shows Jesus explicitly referring to details in the passage from Isaiah. Here though the focus is on the landowner's (God's) representatives, and the vineyards tenants. Did Jesus see himself as the landowner's son? Quite possibly, in the light of his predictions of his death. This would fit with the tenants (priests) controlling the vineyard (Israel) through killing the son. Paradoxically, it is the priests and Pharisees themselves who suggest that the criminal tenants will suffer a miserable death and others take over (v.41). The vineyard is to continue.

For your prayers this week...

The sick: Amy Austin, Julie Bent, Barbara Fairclough, Bernard Fairclough, Kay Fletcher, Ollie Gardiner, Betty Glass, Iris Golding, Darren Hale, Saman Khan, Margaret Messenger, Suzanne Nicholls, Emil Pimm, Margery Richards, Joan Rix, Ian Roberts, Ros Shirran, Charlie Shirran, Fred Webb, Julie Windsor, Rachel Windsor, Nora Wood

Anniversaries of death: John Swallow, Emma Fox

DEANERY CHOIRS' FESTIVAL This is taking place on Saturday at 6.30pm at St Andrew's Roxbourne, South Harrow.

CONFIRMATION Confirmation classes will begin shortly. If you are aged 10 or older and would like to join the classes please speak to Fr Michael. Bishop Pete will be visiting St Edmund's on 18th February when he will confirm the candidates.

FILM NIGHT We will be showing "The Importance of being Earnest" on Saturday Oct 28th. Doors open at 6.00pm, fish or chicken and Chips supper from 6.15pm. Tickets £12 per person (please book by Oct 25th), available from Jenny Jones.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Hilda Greenfield will be running the Gift Stall and asks everyone to bring a suitable new/unused gift for her to sell within the next three weeks so that she can begin the task of pricing and sorting.

BONUS BALL If you would like to play in the next ten-week round of our popular game starting this week, please see Steve Castle after the Sunday 10am Eucharist. It's £10 per number and if it's selected you will win £20! If you are not around after the 10am service, Steve can be contacted on 020 8868 0482 or steven.castle@saintedmundschurch.org.uk. Good luck!

ADVENT CALENDARS Over the last few years we have been buying Real Easter Eggs for you to give family and friends. This year there will be an opportunity to buy Real Advent Calendars for 3.99 each. If you would like any please sign the list at the back of the church. We have to buy them in boxes of 18 so if you don't want to miss out please sign up quickly by Sunday 29 October at the latest so we can get free delivery.

OLD POUND COINS The old round £1 coins officially cease to be legal tender after next Sunday, 15th October. For a very short time afterwards some, but not all, bank branches may still accept the old coins, but, it is recommended that it is best this week to use, or visit a bank to exchange, the old coins before they lose their validity.