

This week's diary

Sunday 15th	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Monday 16th	<i>No services today</i>
5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 17th	S. IGNATIUS
7.00pm	Scouts
7.15pm	Eucharist
Wednesday 18th	S. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
5.30pm	Eucharist
7.00pm	Youth Group
Thursday 19th	10.00am Eucharist
	7.45pm Badminton Group
Friday 20th	8.30am Eucharist
	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 21st	9.30am Eucharist
Sunday 22nd	NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist



THE ORBIT

WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 15th Oct 2017

18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Legende – L.Vierne

Setting: Nicholson (Thorne Gloria)

Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd – H.Goodall

Hymns: 485, 77, 334, 282, 333

Postlude: Carillon Sortie – H.Mulet

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 25.1-9; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

Today's readings warn us not make light of the invitation to God's banquet.

The passage from Isaiah promises a banquet for all people on Mount Zion/Jerusalem, at which God will 'swallow up death' and remove all traces of sorrow. This was later associated with the Messiah, and is a metaphor for salvation in the end times, known as 'the day of the Lord'.

The fine rhetoric of Philippians spells out what it is to imitate Paul and to share the mind of Christ, as the whole passage centres on the idea of shared life, and of unity in the community.

Matthew 22 is a double parable. The passage tells us something about the kingdom of heaven, so the king is God. The king has invited members of his own class, the aristocracy, to the marriage feast of his son. Slaves are sent to escort those already invited, as animals have been butchered and cooked and the food is ready. But now they laugh off the invitation and refuse to come.

Yet the meal is to go ahead, so more slaves are sent to bring 'everyone you find' and when common people demur because they think themselves unworthy, they are to be pulled in. So the hall is filled with guests 'good and bad' (v.10). But who is the man inappropriately dressed? The 'wedding garment' means clean clothes, but is it to be understood literally or metaphorically? The man's fate suggests that he has somehow deliberately insulted the king.

All are called, but not all respond, and, in the context of this parable, this is the result of a knowing rejection of the one who calls, namely God. As in Matthew's earlier parables, it is not social or religious status that gets you in.

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: Monica Porter, Maud Talboys, Audrey Reading, Fred Edlin, Ken Batten

WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCH Tuesday 24th October, 12.30pm for 1.00pm, price £6.00. Tickets are now on sale for the Autumn Lunch, arranged by Rachel Windsor. All are welcome. There will be a raffle.

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.

CONFIRMATION Please speak to Fr Michael if you are aged 10 or older and would like to be confirmed.

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 couple of weeks so that she can begin the task of pricing and sorting.

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS If you would like a real advent calendar, priced £3.99 each, 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 by the October 29th so that we can get free delivery.

ADVENT PROCESSION We have been invited to attend the great Advent Procession at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 2 December at 6.00 p.m. Passes are issued to the Parish for the service according to the number of people who wish to attend. If you would like to attend please sign the list at the back of Church. Numbers are needed by 5th November.

ADORAMUS AT EMMANUEL CHURCH NORTHWOOD "The Light that Shines in the Darkness" is being performed on Saturday 18th November at Emmanuel Church. There are leaflets in the foyer with further details and information on how to obtain your free ticket.