

This week's diary

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| Sunday 22nd | NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY |
| 8.00am | Eucharist |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist |
| Monday 23rd | <i>No services today</i> |
| 5.00pm | Beaver Scouts |
| 6.30pm | Cub Scouts |
| Tuesday 24th | 12.30pm Women's Guild Lunch |
| | 7.00pm Scouts |
| | 7.15pm Eucharist |
| Wednesday 25th | 5.30pm Eucharist |
| | 7.00pm Youth Group |
| Thursday 26th | SS. CHAD & CEDD |
| | 10.00am Eucharist |
| | 7.45pm Badminton Group |
| Friday 27th | 8.30am Eucharist |
| | 6.30pm Evening Prayer |
| Saturday 28th | SS. SIMON & JUDE APOSTLES |
| | 9.30am Eucharist |
| | 6.00pm Film Night |
| Sunday 29th | ALL SAINTS SUNDAY |
| | 8.00am Eucharist |
| | 10.00am Sung Eucharist |

Please note that this week is half term and regular events may not be running



THE ORBIT

WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 22nd Oct 2017

19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Pavane – G.Faure

Setting: Heath in D (Thorne Gloria)

Anthem: Love is the touch of intangible joy – J.Barnard

Hymns: 377, 438, 467, 466, 362

Postlude: Praise the Lord O my soul – S.Karg-Elert

Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after the service

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

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Notices

Today's Readings

Isaiah 45.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

The passage from Isaiah has a specific historical context. Cyrus was king of the Persians who conquered the Babylonian empire in 539 BC, when he decided to release all the exiles there. Many of the Jewish exiles returned to Jerusalem the following year, although some stayed on and prospered. The exiles saw Cyrus as a liberator and so saw him acting on behalf of God. In the opening verse, Isaiah goes so far as to call him God's anointed, the messiah – the only place in the Old Testament where this happens with a foreign king.

Thessalonians is Paul's first letter, probably written in AD 50, to the church in Thessalonica, the capital of Macedonia, north of Greece. It was a community of new converts from paganism who had once worshipped idols (v.9). He is full of praise and encouragement for his readers, even though they still needed a lot of guidance.

In the gospel passage from Matthew a trap is set for Jesus, and, no matter how he answers the question, he will be in trouble, either with the occupying power or with the common people. When he was asked whether paying tax to Rome was lawful, he was presumably being asked for an interpretation of the Torah; Roman law was quite clear. First, Jesus embarrasses his opponents by showing they have money for taxes while Jesus hasn't, and he compromises them because it is Roman coinage with the emperor's image on it, contrary to the second Commandment. The key word is the Greek eikon (v.20) or 'image', but here translated 'head'. That which bears the image/icon of the emperor should be returned to the emperor. That which bears the image of God should be returned to God. What bears the image of God? You, yourself, of course (Genesis 1.27). Give your whole self to God, is Jesus' implication.

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: Jean Peters, Roy Samain, Leslie Abbott, Alice Pond

WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCH This Tuesday, 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" this Saturday. Doors open at 6.00pm, fish or chicken and Chips supper from 6.15pm. Tickets £12 per person (please book by this Wednesday), available from Jenny Jones.

ADORAMUS AT EMMANUEL CHURCH NORTHWOOD "The Light that Shines in the Darkness" is being performed on Saturday 18th November at Emmanuel Church. More information can be found in in the foyer.

ADVENT PROCESSION Please sign up by November 5th if you would like to attend the Advent Procession at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 2 December at 6.00 p.m.

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

CONFIRMATION There will be a short meeting for all those who would like to join the confirmation classes and their parents after the 10am Eucharist next Sunday in the Lady Chapel.

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS If you would like an advent calendar, please sign up by next Sunday. They are priced at £3.99 each.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL St Edmunds Day is on Monday 20th November and there will be a Sung Eucharist at 7pm followed by supper in the Hall. Our preacher will be The Ven. Nick Mercer. Fr Nick until recently was Archdeacon of London and Vicar General for the London College of Bishops, he was curate here at St Edmund's from 1995 to 1998. Please put the date in your diary, this is an important occasion for all at St Edmunds.