

This week's diary

Sunday 5th

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Monday 6th

No services today

5.00pm Beaver Scouts
6.30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 7th

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7.00pm Scouts
7.15pm Eucharist

Wednesday 8th

4.15pm Confirmation Class
5.30pm Eucharist
7.00pm Youth Group

Thursday 9th

10.00am Eucharist
7.45pm Badminton Group

Friday 10th

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8.30am Eucharist
4.00pm Messy Church
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 11th

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9.30am Eucharist

Sunday 12th

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist
3.30pm Memorial Service



THE ORBIT

WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 5th Nov 2017

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Lyric Melody – C.Armstrong Gibbs

Setting: Darke in A Minor (Merbecke Gloria)

Anthem: Cantate Domino – G.Pitoni

Hymns: 231, 227, 197 (omit vv.4,5,6), 224, 381

Postlude: Voluntary No 1 – W.Boyce

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

Revelation 7.9-17; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

All saints! In Revelation John the prophet sees the vast company of the saints, 'a great multitude that no one could count', standing in heaven before the throne of God. They have left suffering behind, and are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb', with himself to wipe away every tear. This picture includes everything: the need for salvation (from suffering and sin), the ground of salvation (the blood of Christ), the scope of salvation (the multitude from every nation), the goal of salvation (fellowship with God in his presence), and the response to salvation (adoration).

In his first letter John turns such a vision into a motivation for present holiness. All who hope in Jesus make themselves holy, as he is holy.

In Matthew we discover that this holiness is not sinless perfection, but it starts with a deep sense of weakness and inadequacy. Holiness is that poverty of spirit which cries out to God as its only hope. It is mourning that looks supremely to him for comfort. It is meekness that looks to God for vindication. It is mercy, purity of heart and a willingness to accept persecution for the sake of Jesus Christ. This is holiness –or 'sainthood'- that quality of life by which 'all saints' have always been recognised, and are recognised still.

For your prayers this week...

The sick: Amy Austin, Julie Bent, Marianne Dawson, 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: Vivien Banfield, Janette Dingley, Rose Curtis

CONFIRMATION CLASSES These will begin this Wednesday at 4.15pm.

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

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE This year's service will be next Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm. This gives us an opportunity to support those who have lost loved ones, particularly in the last year. All are welcome and the service is followed by tea.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL St Edmund's 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. Please put the date in your diary, this is an important occasion for all at St Edmunds.

CHRIST THE KING Sunday 26th November is the Feast of Christ the King. There will be Evensong (with congregational responses) and Benediction at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Last Fund Raiser for 2017! Please help us to stock up the stalls: This week if you have any books, records, CDs or DVDs that you no longer need, please bring them along next time you are at St. Edmund's and put them on the table at the back of the church. Many Thanks- Jenny Jones, on behalf of the Fund Raising Committee.

MARJORY RICHARDS Thank you to everyone who sent cards and good wishes during my recent illness. I am very grateful and I am feeling much better now and hoping to stay that way. Lots of love - Margery Richards.