

This week's diary

Sunday 3rd

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Monday 4th

No services today

5.00pm Beaver Scouts
6.30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 5th

7.00pm Scouts
7.15pm Eucharist

Wednesday 6th

S. NICHOLAS

4.15pm Confirmation Class
5.30pm Eucharist
7.00pm Youth Group

Thursday 7th

S. AMBROSE

10.00am Healing Eucharist and blessing
of the "Lights of Life" Memorial
Tree
7.45pm Badminton Group

Friday 8th

CONCEPTION OF THE BVM

8.30am Eucharist
4.00pm Messy Church
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 9th

9.30am Eucharist

Sunday 10th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist



THE ORBIT

WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 3rd Dec 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: O Come O Come Emmanuel – C.Hand

Setting: Heath in D (Merbecke Gloria)

Anthem: Sleepers Wake – F.Mendelssohn

Hymns: 16, 6, 11, 15, 9

Postlude: Wacht Auf – J.S.Bach

Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after the 10am service

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for your reference and prayers this week**

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Notices

Today's Readings

Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

Over 2,500 years have passed since Isaiah 64 was written, but it could have been yesterday. All around the prophet sees sin, uncleanness and people destroying themselves by their wickedness. He longs for God to intervene, and reminds us that we should bear a suffering and sinful world on our hearts in repentance before God.

The constant expectation of the Bible is that God will come, to judge the world and redeem his people. In the New Testament, the coming of God becomes the coming of Jesus, as we see from the 1 Corinthians reading. It is hard to overestimate the second coming of Christ within the New Testament. This brief passage from Paul gives a taste of the way in which, for him, the future 'revealing' or 'appearing' of Jesus formed the essential horizon of the Christian life – 'the end' towards which we work, prepare ourselves, and direct our whole existence.

The gospel readings for this liturgical year are drawn predominantly from St Mark. This week, in chapter 13, we hear of God's plan for the gathering of all things together in him at 'the end'. One day there will be final salvation, ultimate deliverance from sin and suffering for a damaged world.

LIGHTS OF LIFE The "Lights of Life" Memorial Tree will be blessed at the Healing Eucharist this Thursday at 10am.

MESSY CHURCH There is Messy Church this Friday starting at 4pm.

SCOUTS Big thank you to everyone who supported the scouts' bag packing at Tesco last Sunday. Over £600 was raised which will go towards their new headquarters.

APOLOGY If you read the December magazine you may have spotted that on Page 15 the advert for the next concert by the Eastcote and Ruislip Choral Society states that it will take place on Sunday Dec 16th - it should read **Saturday** Dec 16th (the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is on the Sunday!). I did not spot the mistake. Correct details are on the facing page. The Society has been performing in this church for around 10 years now and thus continues to support us by hiring out this venue two or three times each year. I hope that if you enjoy Christmas music you will consider supporting them at this up-coming concert! Jenny Jones

For your prayers this week...

The sick: Amy Austin, Marianne Dawson, Barbara Fairclough, Bernard Fairclough, Kay Fletcher, 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: Harold Rabson, Gertrude Porter, Hazel Sheppard, Amy Hayward, Muriel Jones, Amy Seymour