

## This week's diary

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>No services today</i> 5.00pm Beaver Scouts 6.30pm Cub Scouts
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30pm Women's Guild 7.00pm Scouts 7.15pm Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>S. LUCY</b> 4.15pm Confirmation Class 5.30pm Eucharist 7.00pm Youth Group
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>S. JOHN OF THE CROSS</b> 10.00am Eucharist 11.15am Harrow Mencap 7.45pm Badminton Group
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Eucharist
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



**THE ORBIT**

**WELCOME**  
to St. Edmund's  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Today's Services

**8.00am Eucharist**

**10.00am Sung Eucharist**

*Prelude: Berceuse -B.Ferguson*

*Setting: Healey Willan*

*Anthem: Adam lay ybounden – B.Ord*

*Hymns: 55, 7, 14, 3, 490*

*Postlude: Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland – 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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### Today's Readings

**Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8**

*The readings for this Sunday and next focus on John the Baptist; that strange, prophetic figure who caused such a stir in Judea in the mid-twenties AD.*

*The picture in Isaiah is of the coming mighty King, on a royal progress around his dominions. A road has to be built ahead of his arrival, levelling the hills and filling the valleys, smoothing out the rough places so that 'the glory of the Lord can be revealed'. In the first century, generally speaking, many Jews were expecting a coming of the Messiah like this; the Lord would arrive, rescue Israel from Rome, destroy her enemies and establish a new kingdom in Jerusalem. In Mark's gospel we hear John the Baptist proclaiming that God will not come to deal with Israel's enemies, but to transform Israel itself. 'Repent!' urges John, telling the people to be ready for the Lord.*

*That message is echoed in 2 Peter: the Lord is indeed coming, the author tells us, the change, freedom and power you've longed for will be revealed. But when it is revealed it will shock and startle you –so get ready.*

### Notices

**WOMEN'S GUILD** The Women's Guild meet this Tuesday 12th at 2:30pm. Judith Mair will lead us in singing carols and enjoying some Christmas music. This will be followed by a Christmas tea. Come and join us - all are welcome.

**HARROW MENCAP** Harrow Mencap will be giving a Christmas performance in Church on Thursday 14th December at 11.15am – please do come and support them.

**CAROL SERVICE** The service of Nine Lessons and Carols takes place next Sunday at 6.30pm followed by seasonal refreshments.

**EASYFUNDRAISING** Don't forget when you do your Christmas shopping if you shop online please go through the Easyfundraising site and raise extra funds for St Edmunds at no extra cost to you. To date we have raised over £320. There are over 3300 retailers to choose from. The website address is <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stedmundtheking/>

### 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:** Derek Barnwell

