

This week's diary

Sunday 17th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (choir rehearsal 3.45pm)
Monday 18th	<i>No services today</i> 10.30am Choir sing at Bushey Beaumont 5.00pm Beaver Scouts 6.30pm Cub Scouts
Tuesday 19th	2.30pm Women's Guild 7.00pm Scouts 7.15pm Eucharist
Wednesday 20th	4.15pm Confirmation Class 5.30pm Eucharist
Thursday 21st	10.00am Eucharist 7.45pm Badminton Group
Friday 22nd	8.30am Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 23rd	9.30am Eucharist
Sunday 24th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS EVE 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm The Blessing of the Crib 11.30pm Midnight Mass



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WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 17th Dec 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Gottes Sohn Ist Kommen – J.S.Bach

Setting: Darke in F

Anthem: The Angel Gabriel – Trad, arr.Pettmann

Hymns: 5, 431, 12, R22, 415

Postlude: Vom Himmel Hoch – J.Pachelbel

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after the 10am and 6.30pm services

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Today's Readings

**Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Our second Advent meditation on John the Baptist focuses on the statement in John 1:7, 'he came as a witness'. John sees himself simply as a Voice, crying out in the wilderness, bearing testimony to the Light. John prompts a high level delegation from Jerusalem to investigate him (John 1:19) the members of which clearly expect him to make dramatic claims for himself, but he points away from himself to the one following him. Are we ready to be like that? To give up our autonomy and our desire for self realisation, instead to see ourselves as wholly 'there' for others, for Another, for the Christ who is the Light of the world?

The Old Testament reading today from Isaiah is the famous passage which Jesus applies to himself in his Nazareth sermon, and which expresses just this sense of our call to speak and act, not for ourselves, but for the Lord. This same sense fills Pauls letter to the Thessalonians –we are those who are filled with the Spirit, living by its promptings rather than merely being controlled by any human desires.

Notices

CAROL SERVICE The service of Nine Lessons and Carols takes place this evening at 6.30pm followed by seasonal refreshments. The choir rehearsal will start at 3.45pm.

WOMEN'S GUILD Due to the inclement weather conditions leading to the cancellation of last week's meeting, we will now meet this Tuesday at 2:30 pm for carols, led by Judith Mair, and followed by Christmas tea. Please join us - all are welcome.

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: Doreen Mitchell, Isaac Gamse, Elizabeth Harding, Joyce Jossevel, Ted Whitehead

REVISED CHRISTMAS WEEK SERVICES

Tue 26th Dec – St Stephen - Eucharist 11am
Wed 27th Dec - St John the Apostle - Eucharist 10.30am
Thu 28th Dec - Holy Innocents - Eucharist 10am
Fri 29th Dec - St Thomas Becket - Eucharist 8.30am
Sat 30th Dec - Eucharist 9.30am