

## This week's diary

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**No 8.00am Eucharist**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist – Confirmation

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

*No services today*

5.00pm Beaver Scouts  
6.30pm Cub Scouts

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm Scouts  
7.15pm Eucharist

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

5.30pm Eucharist  
7.00pm Youth Group

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10.00am Eucharist  
7.45pm Lent Course

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **S POLYCARP (BISHOP & MARTYR)**

8.30am Eucharist  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Eucharist

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am Eucharist  
10.00am Sung Eucharist



**THE ORBIT**

# WELCOME

to St. Edmund's  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Today's Services

#### No 8am Eucharist

**10.00am Sung Eucharist - Confirmation**

*Prelude: Adagio – C.Saint-Saens*

*Setting: Thorne*

*Anthem: Come Holy Ghost – T.Attwood*

*Postlude: Prelude & Fugue No 6 – J.S.Bach*

*Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after the 10am 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 – First Sunday of Lent

**Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15**

*The story of Noah in Genesis illustrates the first covenant between God and his people. There are ancient parallels but, within Israel, the flood is both punishment for sin and demonstration of grace by saving a remnant. God would be faithful to his small nation of Israel. Justice and mercy are two of the fundamental biblical themes. The Hebrew account of the flood has a revelatory meaning: God acts covenantally, involving the entire creation in a relationship that not even the worst human wilfulness will overcome.*

*That's why today's psalm sings of God's faithfulness. Remembering God's covenant relationship to his people the psalmist looks to the future with the assurance that God's goodness does not change.*

*The First Letter of Peter uses the story of Noah as a prefiguring of baptism. Just as Noah and his family were saved through water, so all those who are baptised are rescued from the power of sin and death.*

*Mark emphasises the revelation of Jesus' true identity. The heavens being 'torn apart' symbolises the end of feeling God is distanced from everyday life, and the beginning of a new way between heaven and earth, through Jesus.*

*Jesus is then taken into the desert, where he overcomes testing by Satan. Again, we see how being in a covenant with God does not free the believer from suffering. Once we have committed ourselves to the covenant through baptism, our lives may become more complicated. Either we become more conscious of evil in the world, or we are led by God to confront evil and defeat it.*

*The passage ends with John the Baptist's arrest and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Signing up to God's covenant engages the believer in the life of the world at a deeper level.*

The calendar of events can be found online at  
***[tinyurl.com/EdCal-1217](http://tinyurl.com/EdCal-1217)***

**CONFIRMATION** A warm welcome to the Bishop of Willesden who will be confirming Agceya Jeganathan, Agsitha Jeganathan, Brandon Mensabonsu, John Orr, Danika Prabhu, Madeline Roberts, Oscar Roberts, Jerome Sebastian and Maya Yankey this morning. Please keep them in your prayers.

**REAL EASTER EGGS** If you would like to purchase any Real Easter Eggs, which include a booklet telling the Easter Story, please fill out the sheet at the back of the church to place your order. The price remains the same as before at £3.99.

**LENT COURSE** "Finding a Voice". Starting this Thursday at 7.45pm, "Finding a Voice" is a Lent Course which takes the film "The King's Speech" as a starting point to explore the way in which fear holds us back and examines how we like Bertie can face and overcome our fears and begin to find an authentic voice.

### 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, Eileen Whalley, Julie Windsor, Rachel Windsor, Ann Warrick, Bernard Wood, Nora Wood

**Anniversaries of death:** Doris Shelley, Freda Varcoe, Sydney Burden, Kathleen Wyatt, George Pike, Hanna Stadelmann