

This week's diary

Sunday 11th	MOTHERING SUNDAY (4TH SUNDAY OF LENT)
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	All-Age Eucharist
Monday 12th	<i>No services today</i>
5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 13th	1.00pm Women's Guild Soup Lunch
	7.00pm Scouts
	7.15pm Eucharist
Wednesday 14th	<i>No services today</i>
Thursday 15th	10.00am Eucharist
	7.45pm Lent Course
Friday 16th	<i>No services today</i>
Saturday 17th	S PATRICK
	9.30am Stations of the Cross & Eucharist
	2.30pm Scouts Jumble Sale
Sunday 18th	PASSION SUNDAY (5TH SUNDAY OF LENT)
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist



THE ORBIT

WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 11th Mar 2018

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(4TH SUNDAY OF LENT)

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am All-Age Eucharist

Prelude: On hearing the first cuckoo in spring - Delius


Setting: Maher

Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you - Rutter

Postlude: Trumpet Tune - Stanley

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

This Fourth Sunday of Lent marks the mid-way point in our preparation for Holy Week and Easter, and it gives us an opportunity to pause in the Lenten journey, and take stock, and reflect on how we are doing. We give thanks for blessings and mercies that we have received, we ask for pardon for any slips along the way, and we look forward to the fresh graces God has in store for us over the next few weeks.

Traditionally today is 'Laetare Sunday' (literally translated 'Rejoice Sunday', and in the early Church the first word said at Mass today was 'Rejoice Jerusalem...'), so this Sunday provided a break from the Lent fast. You sometimes also hear today called 'Refreshment Sunday' for that reason. In some churches the penitential purple of Lent is replaced by a more optimistic pink as a sign of this.

But in our culture this is also 'Mothering Sunday', and as we observe this in church we recall three things: The example of Jesus' Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary and her example of faith; the 'motherhood' of the Church – the faithful mother of all Christians; and our own mothers, giving thanks for all that they mean to us, their love, care and support of us.

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: Anne Bosworth-Smith, Allan Fairclough, Nancy Jackson, Pauline Ambrose, Joan Dunsford, Basil Davis (Priest)

WOMEN'S GUILD This Tuesday at 1.00 pm in the Vicarage, The Soup Lunch in aid of the Lent Appeal, arranged by Rachel Windsor. Entry charge £3. There will be a raffle. Approximate numbers attending would be helpful. Tuesday 10th April at 2.30 pm. Fr Tony Andrews will give a talk on Windows and their origins, followed by tea.

LENT COURSE "Finding a Voice", a Lent course based on the film "The King's Speech", continues this Thursday at 7.45pm.

JUMBLE SALE 2nd Northwood Scout Group are holding a Jumble Sale this Saturday at 2.30pm in the Hall. Admission 20p. Offers of help with sorting and serving to Karen Retter 07984 662588.

FUN IN THE SNOW The Youth Group invites youngsters between 10 and 16 to join us on a trip to the Hemel Hempstead Snow Centre on **Wednesday April 18th** (the date was incorrect in last week's Orbit) between 6.15pm and 9.45pm. The activities will include a skiing/snowboarding taster session (no previous experience necessary) and sledging - all with qualified instructors. All equipment will be provided. Transport will be provided to and from the Church Hall. The cost is £5 per child. Please speak to Steve Castle by Sunday 11th March if your child(ren) would like to come along.

The latest calendar of events can be found online at
tinyurl.com/EdCal-0218