

This week's diary

Sunday 18th	PASSION SUNDAY (5TH SUNDAY OF LENT)
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Monday 19th	<i>No services today</i>
5.00pm	Beaver Scouts
6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 20th	7.00pm Scouts 7.15pm Eucharist
Wednesday 21st	5.30pm Eucharist 7.00pm Youth Group
Thursday 22nd	10.00am Eucharist 7.45pm Lent Course
Friday 23rd	8.30am Eucharist
Saturday 24th	9.00am Gardening Day 9.30am Stations of the Cross & Eucharist
Sunday 25th	PALM SUNDAY
8.00am	Eucharist
9.15am	Choir Practice
10.00am	Sung Eucharist



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WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 18th Mar 2018

PASSION SUNDAY
(5TH SUNDAY OF LENT)

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prelude: Herzlich Thut Mich Verlangen - J.Brahms

Setting: Batten

Anthem: When I survey – P.Heath

Hymns: R27, R39, 445, R37, 84

Postlude: O Mensch, Bewein Dein Sunde Gross – 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

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33

The covenant relationship that God made with his people was characterised by their back-sliding and disobedience. Again and again God offers a fresh covenant with his people; and again and again the end up regressing. In Jeremiah God proposes a new kind of relationship – God will be so close to his people that his law will be in their hearts, and their response will be automatic faithfulness.

In Psalm 51 the psalmist looks back on a track-record of broken promises to God, and asks for forgiveness.

In the letter to the Hebrews the author speaks of Jesus as a priest, but rather than offering the temple sacrifices brought to the Jerusalem temple by pilgrims in expiation for sin, Jesus offers himself for the life of the world. On the cross he is both priest and sacrificial offering.

In the gospel of John Jesus speaks of his coming death, and this leads to a moment of glory. This shows us the inseparable combination of two things: Jesus is lifted up in agony and suffering; but at the same time he is being lifted up in triumph and he conquers the power of sin and destruction. The hour of the cross is the hour of the Father's true glory, the hour of Jesus' true glory.

LENT COURSE “Finding a Voice”, a Lent course based on the film “The King’s Speech”, concludes this Thursday at 7.45pm.

GARDENING DAY The annual St Edmund’s Gardening Day takes place this Saturday.

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** 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.

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: Christine Sekanwagi, Peggy Rawlinson, Joan Brown, Stephen Dring, Arthur Chippington, Alan Kotchie

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