

Parish Church of  
**St. Edmund King & Martyr**  
West Kingsdown



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**Celebrating Harvest**



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In our worship this Sunday we will be Harvest thanksgiving and today (Saturday) several people have been very busy preparing our church to look its very best. We may be in the middle of a pandemic where we are not able to worship in the way we are used and where numbers that can attend are limited but it does not mean that we will not decorate our church from 'top to tail' and celebrate the



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best we can,

bringing glory to God for the beauty and abundance of his creation. Above are just two pictures to get you in the mood. The harvest loaf was made by **Angela Beale**. Isn't it wonderful? Can you see the two mice at the bottom of the sheaf of corn? Tomorrow that loaf will adorn our altar table. Thank you Angela. The beautiful flower arrangement on the right was done by Pauline Jenner. How apt this year that central to the flower arrangements are sunflowers, a reminder of us growing our own sunflowers and growing together during this time of COVID 19. I know things are exceedingly difficult, but we do have such a lot to be grateful for. All the produce that has been donated by our congregation and the parents and pupils of our church school has been used to decorate the church. Before worship tomorrow I will take a video around the church and it will be put on the website. I will also try to bring it and show to as many of you as I can that are without internet. I will also share more photographs with you next week. The church will remain decorated until **Wednesday** and if you are able please do pop down during our time of **opening 2-4pm** to see it for yourself. All produce will then be taken to the Community Cupboard for distribution. I am extremely grateful to **Pauline Jenner** and **Pat Bosley** for the beautiful arrangements of flowers and to **Geraldine and David Mullen** for the grand display of produce.

**Cleaning and Sorting**

In preparing the church building to reopen for worship we had to clear many things from the building to make it COVID Safe, for instance all kneelers, hymn books, bibles, had to be removed as well as pieces of furniture. Everything was then put or probably more accurately dumped in the Millennium Room. The church was then given a deep clean. As time has gone on the Millennium Room has looked a mess and needed a tidy and deep clean of its own. This took place this week and a massive thank you to **Rosemary Gray** and **Angela Beale** for tackling this task.

### **Home Communion**

I understand that for a number of you coming back to church at the moment isn't possible. I would be delighted to bring you communion at home. All has been risk assessed and I would wear a visor throughout. If you would like me to bring you communion please do phone me (852265) and we will sort out a convenient time.

This week I have managed to get to visit two people in their homes and I hope to continue to build on this. I do so miss seeing you all. Some of you I am aware I haven't seen in person since I stopped delivering the mailing out myself on a Saturday evening – I'm so sorry.

### **Morning Prayer Readings for the week**

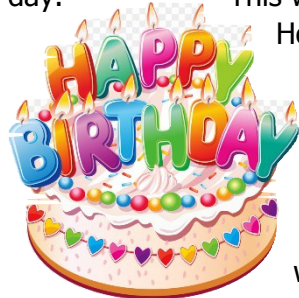
Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
04.10.20	128, 129,134	Isaiah 49:13-23	Luke 12:1-12
05.10.20	71	1 Kings 21	Acts 21:37-22:21
06.10.20	73	1 Kings 22:1-28	Acts 22:22-23:11
07.10.20	77	1 Kings 22:29-45	Acts 23:12-end
08.10.20	78:1-39	2 Kings 1:2-17	Acts 24:1-23
09.10.20	55	2 Kings 2:1-18	Acts 24:24-25:12
10.10.20	76, 79	2 Kings 4:1-47	Acts 25:13-end

### **Birthdays**

Last week although I remembered to post **Nigel Smith** a birthday card, I omitted his name from the list of birthdays mentioned in my letter. I'm so sorry Nigel, I hope you had a lovely day.

This week we say **Happy Birthday** to **Jane Smith** (no relation to Nigel).

However you celebrate your day I hope you have a lovely time.



### **Lego Cards**

It's that time of year again when Sainsburys give away Lego Cards. If you are offered any and are not collecting them for anyone else Brian Collier would be very grateful to receive them for somebody whom he knows. Please give them directly to Brian.

### **APCM**

Next week (11<sup>th</sup> October) is our APCM, postponed from April because of the lockdown. It will take place after morning worship at 11.15am. Please could you let Angela (852513) know if it is your intention to attend. This is so that we can make sure we keep to all social distancing requirements.

I am very grateful that two people have offered to stand as churchwardens and three to fill the vacancies on the PCC. There are still two vacancies for representatives on Deanery Synod. If it is something that you feel you would like to give a go, please speak to me before next week's meeting.

The Electoral Roll, Annual Report and Financial Statement along with the minutes of the 2019 APCM are posted on the board at the back of church. Individual copies are available from me.

Have a good week. **Every Blessing Rev Sarah**