

Parish Church of
St. Edmund King & Martyr
West Kingsdown



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Open for Worship



After 166 days our beautiful 'church in the woods' was open once again for Sunday worship, albeit rather different from what we are used too. Although it may not look it from the photos we reached our capacity of 24. It was wonderful to welcome back many regular members of the congregation, as you can see all socially distanced, as well as three new residents to the village, Brenda Armstrong, Michael and Hazel. All three moved into West Kingsdown just before lockdown, Brenda to the bottom of Botsam Lane and Michael and Hazel to the Fawkham Road. **A very warm welcome** to you. I hope you enjoyed your time with us at St. Edmunds and that you will feel moved to come again.

The service was recorded and put up on our website. It lasted all of 30 seconds, yes I do mean seconds and not minutes. The actual length of the service was 40 minutes but I pressed the wrong button to record and ended up with a time lapsed version. The whole service was there but at great speed without any sound. I'm really sorry but I did warn you that recording services would be trial and error. I've been put under intensive training and hopefully this week's video will be back to normal.

I know that it doesn't seem right to have to book to attend worship but I really don't know of any other way when numbers are so limited. I know that some people have told me that they feel others should go before them, which is very graceful of them, but if everybody stood back then nobody would attend and that would be such a shame. If you would like to come then you've got nothing to lose but all to gain by making that phone call. Even if you remember very late in the week there may be a space if somebody has had to drop out. **Please do not take it for granted that your name goes on to the list. Everybody** needs to phone Angela (01474 852513) each week that they would like to attend. I know that some do not yet feel ready to come into the church building and that is fine, you must do what you feel comfortable with but can I assure you that every aspect of risk has been very carefully thought about. If you have any worries that you would like to talk through please phone me (01474 852265) and we can have a chat.

Worship next week 13th September



Next week our service will be a Eucharist. The distribution will be in bread only. If you are intending to come and have your own small bottle of hand gel please bring it with you. There will still be hand sanitiser for you to use as you enter the church building but you will need to sanitise your hands before receiving the bread and as I will bring it to you in your place we do not have 24 small bottles to give out. If you do not have your own bottle please could you let Angela know when you phone and we will sort something for you.

Prayer list

Although I do not now print out the weekly prayer list the names of all those that have asked for our prayers are written in the order of service for the week, which can, along with this letter, be found on the church website www.st-edmunds.co.uk

Birthdays

I have no birthdays on my church list this week but if it is your birthday and you haven't told me I hope you have a wonderful day.

APCM

Our church APCM was due to be held at the end of April but due to lockdown it was unable to take place. However this must now take place before the end of October. We were fortunate that some of the administration had already taken place. The electoral roll had been updated, thanks to our electoral roll officer Pauline. The end of year accounts had been finalised and audited. Thanks go to our treasurer Kim and to Martin Stoneham our auditor. These have been sent to the diocese.

However our formal meeting must take place where we will need to elect two churchwardens, two members to deanery synod and three members to PCC.

Our **APCM** will be on **Sunday 11th October 2020** at **11.15am** in church

Churchwardens

These are elected each year. Angela Beale is happy to continue to stand, Rosemary Gray is standing down after 10 years of service, which I thank her for (more will be said at the meeting). I have also had an offer from somebody who is willing to stand.

Deanery Synod Representatives

We have space for two representatives on synod who are elected for a three year term.

PCC Representatives

We have nine members on PCC who sit for a term of three years. These members are elected on a rolling programme of re-election with three standing down each year. Once you have served a three year stint you cannot be re-elected for a year.

The **election forms** for church warden, deanery synod and PCC representatives are available from me. I will have some with me after church but do contact me if you would like one and I can either email it to you or post it through your door. If you are interested in standing for any of the vacancies and would like to know what the role involves please contact me.

From next week further information will be in this weekly letter, on the notice boards outside church, and on our website.

Every Blessing Rev Sarah