

Parish Church of  
**St. Edmund King & Martyr**  
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## Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### **Morning Prayer**

It was so good to be able to be back in church to say Morning Prayer this week, even if it was only on one morning. I have so missed the regular pattern of starting my day in church to pray. I know that we can pray wherever we are, and I do, but there is something to be said about stepping away from the everyday, taking time out and entering into a sacred space to focus on God and not things of the world. It was also wonderful to be able to pray the daily office with other people, something else that I have missed. For as long as there are no other restrictions **Morning Prayer will take place at 9.30am in church each Wednesday.**

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

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
25.10.20	119:137-152	Isaiah 59:9-20	Luke 14:1-14
26.10.20	123, 124, 125, 126	2 Kings 21:1-18	1 Timothy 1:1-17
27.10.20	132, 133	2 Kings 22:1-23:3	1 Timothy 1:18-2:15
28.10.20	116,117	Isaiah 45:18-25	Luke 6:12-16
29.10.20	143, 146	2 Kings 23:36-24:17	1 Timothy ch 4
30.10.20	142, 144	2 Kings 24:18-25:12	1 Timothy 5:1-16
31.10.20	147	2 Kings 25:22-30	1 Timothy 5:17-25

### **Sunday Worship**

So many people have commented on how good it is to be able to be together to worship and share communion even though it is very different to what we are used to. I know that there are those of you that are not able to come at the moment, others that are finding it hard to come and worship when we have to wear a mask, sit apart and are not able to sing. Some too are worried because they encounter a number of people each week through work which might put them at higher risk of passing on the virus. We are very stringent in keeping to all the guidance on 'Hands Face and Space' so please don't feel excluded. A couple of our families have also commented that they haven't been because their young children don't understand social distancing – we've missed you. I know too that our worship isn't particularly engaging with our younger people at present. I, along with the



churchwardens have been talking and are praying about what we might be able to do to include you all.

### **Reading and Leading Intercessions during Sunday Worship**

Although, because of the current situation, we have no rotas I would still like to involve as many people as possible in reading and leading the prayers. Please speak, phone or email me if it is something that you would like be part of. Don't hold back just because you have never done it before, perhaps now is the time to have a go. I only contact people to ask them to do it once I know who is on the list for the coming Sunday. **Go on give it a go and speak to me.**

### **Memorial and thanksgiving service 1<sup>st</sup> November**

We are not able to hold our usual service where we invite all those who have lost loved ones throughout the year to come and remember them. There will however be a service at 2pm next Sunday afternoon where the names of those that have died in the past year, as well as any names that are given to me (phone or email) will be read out and a candle lit. You are most welcome to attend the service. However, there will only be 28 spaces and therefore, I'm sorry but, there can only be a maximum of two people per family. Places will have to be booked in the usual way by phoning Angela Beale on 01474 852513. The service will be recorded and put onto our church website [www.st-edmunds.co.uk](http://www.st-edmunds.co.uk)

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Again, due to present restrictions the usual parade for Remembrance Sunday is cancelled. We will hold a Eucharist Service at 10am (our normal service at the present time) where the theme will be that of Remembrance and the church decorated with its poppy altar frontal. There will be a commemoration and wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 11am which, sadly, will be by invitation only.

### **Opening for Private prayer on a Wednesday**

Due to the clocks going back and the evenings drawing in the times of the church being open are changing. **From this Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October the church will be open from 1.30-3.30pm**

### **Annual Leave**

I am taking three days annual leave from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. In an emergency during this time please contact one of the churchwardens, Angela on 852513 or Mike on 853653.

### **NHS Test and Trace**

If you have a NHS COVID-19 app on your phone we have a QR code on the righthand side of the door as you come into church if you want to check-in.

### **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.

## **Fund Raising**

### **The Grand Christmas Draw**

On the back of this Newsletter is information regarding the Grand Christmas Draw please do read it. The box is now at the back of church should you have any donations, or you can bring them along to the rectory.

The tickets have now been printed and will be ready from next Sunday. As this draw is instead of the Christmas Fair please, please can I encourage you all to sell as many tickets as possible. Thank you.

### **The Christmas Tree Festival**

Please see the flier below. **Do please consider having a tree in this year's festival.** As it is probably the only event that we will be putting on this year please publicise it widely. There will be no charge to come in but we are hoping that those visiting will make a generous donation.

Have a good week

**Every Blessing Rev Sarah**

