

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



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**Remembrance**



The sun shone down upon the small group that gathered at the War Memorial last Sunday, gathered to remember all those who have died in past wars and conflicts. The gathering so different from what is normal here in West Kingsdown; each group or organisation represented by only one person. If you are able to get out and about do take a walk to the war memorial and see the wreaths laid on behalf of the Royal British Legion, the four churches, West Kingsdown CofE School and village organisations. Alongside the wreaths are individual crosses naming each of the fallen men from West Kingsdown.

At 11 o'clock on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> I shared in an act of remembrance with the children from our church school who gathered in their 'bubbles', keeping at a distance from one another on the playground. This was the first time that the whole school had been together in the same place since March and the first time that Mr Hulme the headteacher had been able to talk to them in person as a whole school since beginning at the school in September. The children aged 4 and upward were exemplary in their behaviour and an absolute credit to the school.



## Church Opening

The church will be open on a **Sunday morning from 9.30-11.30am** and a **Wednesday afternoon from 1.30-3.30pm** for private prayer. All are welcome and it will be good to see you.

## Home Visits and Communion

As you will appreciate, I am unable to do any home visits or bring communion to you during this time but be assured you are in my thoughts and prayers. Please do ring me if you would like a chat or I can help in any way.

## Morning Prayer Readings for the week

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
15.11.20	98	Daniel 10:19-end	Revelation ch 4
16.11.20	46, 47	Daniel 8:1-14	Revelation ch 10
17.11.20	48, 52	Daniel 8:15-end	Revelation 11:1-14
18.11.20	56, 57	Daniel 9:1-19	Revelation 11:15-end
19.11.20	61, 62	Daniel 9:20-end	Revelation ch 12
20.11.20	63, 65	Daniel 10:1-11:1	Revelation 13:1-10
21.11.20	78:1-39	Daniel ch12	Revelation 13:11-end

## Birthdays

This week we have three people to wish a very **Happy birthday** to. On Monday 16th **Perri Willoughby** celebrates her birthday followed by **Geraldine Mullen** on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and **David Mullen** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>. I know during this time of lockdown you are limited in how you are able to celebrate but whatever you do I hope you have a lovely day.



## Christmas Draw



**Thank you so much** for your amazingly generous donations for the hampers. We now have plenty to fill them. **Thank you too** to those of you who have already sold draw tickets. We still have plenty to sell and so if you are able to help out by buying or selling some please do.

**Tickets are a £1 each, come in books of 10** (individual tickets can be bought) **and are available from the Rectory or by calling Don on 07769708251**. We will deliver books of tickets to you. Stubs and money can either be returned to the Rectory or we will pick them up from you if you are not able to get out.

There are 10 prizes. 1st prize is £50, 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 bottles of Wine, 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Hamper (1), 4<sup>th</sup> Chocolate Hamper, 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Hamper (2), 6<sup>th</sup> Bottle of Champagne 7<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Floral Arrangement, 8<sup>th</sup> Bottle of Southern Comfort, 9<sup>th</sup> Fat Face: Ocean Escape Gift Set, 10<sup>th</sup> Tub of Chocolates.

This (hopefully along with our **Christmas Tree festival**) is our **ONLY** fund-raising event this year so **please sell as many tickets as you can.**

### **Christmas Tree Festival**



As long as we are out of lockdown the **Christmas Tree Festival** will run from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December through to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All totally risked assessed. Help us to make it the biggest and best yet by decorating and exhibiting your own tree, this can be on your own behalf, your family or a club or group to which you belong (even if that group isn't meeting at present). Your tree must be artificial, no taller than 4 feet high and have battery operated lights. Choose your own theme for decoration.

**Please contact Geraldine Mullen on 01474 852201 to let her know you are preparing and exhibiting a tree.**

*Go on why not give it a go.*

### **Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November we celebrate our Patronal Festival**

A Patronal Festival is where the life and work of the saint after whom your church is named is celebrated.

#### **What do you know about St. Edmund?**

I learnt a new fact about him recently that is very relevant to our current situation. I know I shared the this piece of information with a few people after it had been shared with me but I wonder if any others of you might take a guess as to what I learnt.

