

Parish Church of
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West Kingsdown



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Today is Mothering Sunday and it is the second year in a row that we will not be able to celebrate together in church. Neither will we be able to get together with extended family. But we can still treat our mums, if they are still with us, hopefully you've sent a card or plan to phone her up. It's especially wonderful if you are a new mum, the day takes on yet another meaning for you.

For some today will be a difficult day. It will be especially difficult for those who have been unable to have children and those who have lost a child. It will also be a difficult day for children, of whatever age, whose mother has died. Whatever the day holds for you I pray it will be a day of peace and hope.

Schools Return

Last Monday saw most children in England return to school. A great relief to many parents I am sure, who have been home schooling them since the beginning of January. Many of whom have been holding down a job working from home at the same time. On Monday evening as I watched the South East news on television I was delighted to see our very own West Kingsdown Church of England school featured on the programme. As well as interviewing Mr Hulme the head and Mrs Stoneham one of the reception teachers and SENCO a number of children were also interviewed who were marvellous ambassadors for the school. I felt very proud that I was connected with such a brilliant school. A massive well done to everyone. On Tuesday I was able to go into school and share worship with one of the bubbles in person, instead of virtually over ZOOM. It was amazing to be able to do this after such a long time.



Two new projects instigated by Geraldine Mullen Thank you Geraldine

**St Edmund's Church Calls All Knitters
The West Kingsdown Corona Quilt**

Please contribute a square to our West Kingsdown Corona Quilt. If you would like to be part of this massive project, please knit a 5inch x 5inch square and decorate it to show a significant event/emotion/memory from the last year for yourself, your household or the country at large. The decoration could be knitted into the square or extra pieces knitted and sewn on or embroidered on with more wool. Please embroider your name on the back. Please bring your squares to St Edmund's church when we open again. Eventually we will meet in the Millennium Room to sew them all together prior to an exhibition.

Feel free to do more than one square if you have the inspiration but do not feel obliged to do so. We will be happy with quality over quantity.

Thank you for your help with what promises to be our most amazing project since the poppy extravaganza of 2018.

PS Please do not dispose of last year's knitted hedgehogs and rabbits. Their time will come.

A question from St Edmund's: Have you taken pictures during the last year?

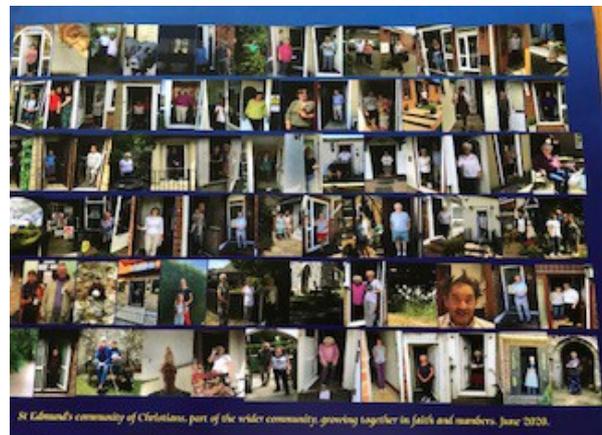
West Kingsdown - Lockdown in Pictures

Do you have a picture that really represents the struggles we have all been through?

Or maybe the successes or laughter or pain? If you are willing to share your masterpiece, please e mail it to revsarahcorry@gmail.com with the subject as "Lockdown in Pictures". Please include your name and a caption for your picture if it needs one. When we are allowed, you will be invited to an exhibition of all our moments and emotions. Periodically, before then, some pictures will appear on the Millennium Room windows.

Another photographic Project

Do you remember this photographic montage, created by Jon Battershill during the first lockdown? He took pictures of us all on our doorsteps. As we begin to ease out of this lockdown, hopefully not to return once more, he has another project in mind. You may see him out and about, camera in hand once more. The end result will be a few months away. Good luck Jon and thank you.



APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 12noon on Sunday 25th April 2021 in church and via ZOOM. More information will follow in the coming weeks but please do put the date in your diary. In preparation for the meeting a **revision of the church electoral roll** has to take place. Included in this mailing is a copy of the notice that will go up in church and on the noticeboard outside church today. The notice gives all the information you need however if you have any questions please contact the electoral roll officer Pauline Jenner. **You only have to apply to have your name added if you are not already on the roll.**

Jean Hawes (R.I.P.)

Following the sad news of Jeans death, I can now inform you that her funeral will take place at Eltham Crematorium on Thursday 8th April at 3.15pm.

St. Edmund's pathway out of Covid plan

Please see Newsletter 19 for details of our plan

Worship in church

A reminder that worship in church will resume on Palm Sunday 28th March at 10am. You will need to book your place at this service and all other services during Holy Week by phoning Angela Beale on 01474 852513. There is a restriction of 24 places for each service. You must keep socially distanced and wear a face covering.

Worship in the coming weeks

This week I have once again, with the help of Mike Wesley (thank you Mike), recorded a short service of the word for you. It will go live on the website www.st-edmund.co.uk at 6am on Sunday morning. The recorded service follows exactly the printed order of service that is sent out with this letter and can also be downloaded from our website. If you are unable to access the recording do take time to pray the service through for yourself.

Another reminder of other sources that you can link into - Rochester cathedral, (which is closed for worship) is live streaming worship twice a week, a Sunday Eucharist at 11am and Choral Evensong at 5.30pm on a Thursday. www.rochestercathedral.org On the top left-hand side of the Home page there is a box 'Online service', click here. The Church of England also hold online services on a Sunday and throughout the week www.churchofengland.org

If you are without internet remember that you can watch **Songs of Praise on BBC1 at 1.15pm each Sunday**. Also, Tricia Townsend phoned to let me know that, on a **Sunday Morning on BBC 1 at 11am, for the 6 weeks of Lent, there will be Lent Worship hosted by Rev'd Kate Botley.**

ZOOM Worship

We will continue each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock until we are able to meet back in church, hopefully on Palm Sunday 28th March.

If you would like to join us please let me know. All are most welcome.

Morning Prayer Readings

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
14.03.21	27	1 Samuel 16:1-13	John 9:1-25
15.03.21	70,77	Jeremiah 17:5-18	John 9:18-end
16.03.21	54,79	Jeremiah 18:1-12	John 10:1-10
17.03.21	63,90	Jeremiah 18:13-end	John 10:11-21
18.03.21	53,86	Jeremiah 19:1-13	John 10:22-end
19.03.21	25,147:1-12	Isaiah 11:1-10	Matthew 13:54-end
20.03.21	32	Jeremiah 20:7-end	John 11:17-27

Easter Flowers

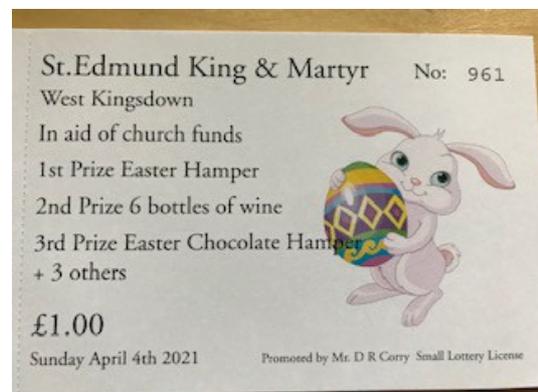
A message from Pauline Jenner -

We plan to decorate the church with Easter flowers.

If you would like to give a small donation in honour, memory or celebration of loved ones, please give name(s) and donation to Tricia on 01474 852664 or Pauline on 01474 852536/ paulinejenner28@yahoo.co.uk **Before 28th March please**

Easter 'Draw'

Once again your generosity is truly amazing – thank you so much for all the donations we have received for the Easter hampers. There are still plenty of tickets left. Please can I encourage you to sell as many as you can. **Tickets are £1 each** and can be purchased individually or in books of 10. **Please contact Don (07769708251)** if you would like some. They can either be picked up from the rectory or delivered to you.



Birthdays This week we have two people celebrating their birthday. We wish a very **Happy Birthday** to **Isabella Herbert** on the 18th and **Hilda Thorn** on the 20th. I hope you both have a very enjoyable day.

FOSE – Spare Bonus Balls Please see Newsletter 19.

Have a good week.

Every Blessing Rev'd Sarah