

Parish Church of
St. Edmund King & Martyr
West Kingsdown



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Dear Friends

How lovely it is to see the sunshine this afternoon. It's been a long time in coming but hopefully will be with us for the next few days at least.

I spent three days away from home this week on a course for Training Incumbents in preparation for Mandy Clampin joining us at the end of July. She will initially join us as a Licenced Lay Worker until her ordination on 25th September. Please hold Mandy in your prayers as she completes her studies and prepares to join us here at St. Edmunds. The course was very worthwhile, but I have spent yesterday and today trying to catch up with all the other things that were put on hold whilst I was away. If you are waiting for a reply to anything I apologise and will get back to you as soon as I can.

It was lovely to be able to enjoy refreshments together after last Sunday's service and hopefully tomorrow will be even better as we can make the most of sitting outside in the sunshine. Many thanks to Pat who has been organising the tea and coffee.

I am hoping that very soon we will be able to begin, once again, to draw up rotas for the various tasks that need to be undertaken. I am however waiting to hear more concrete guidance from the government before racing ahead. It would be good if you could start to pray about what part you can play. I know that for some the pandemic has given time to re-evaluate your priorities and I totally understand that. However, if we are going to continue to grow the gospel in this place, we all have our part to play. All I ask is that you hold in prayer what your part is to be in the bigger picture.

I so look forward to being able to worship together once more without the restriction of numbers. I have truly missed seeing so many of you on a Sunday morning.

Annual Leave

I am on annual leave from Wednesday 2nd June to Wednesday 9th June inclusive. In an emergency, please contact one of the churchwardens (Angela 852513, Mike 853653). There will be **no newsletter** next Sunday. **Rev Harriet** will be leading the 10am Eucharist service.

Prayer and Worship

We have encountered a number of problems trying to access the internet in church and are trying to sort this out. Therefore, there will be no more links via ZOOM for the time being. Please remember to book your place for next Sunday's worship by phoning Angela on 01474 852513 from tomorrow, Monday 31st May. Let's hope we won't have to continue to do this for very much longer. If you haven't yet felt able to come back to church, for whatever reason, it would be lovely to see you.

Morning Prayer

There will be no Morning Prayer said in church for the next week. It will begin again on **Friday 11th and Saturday 12th June.**

You only need to book for the Sunday Service.

Morning Prayer Readings

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
30.05.21	33:1-12	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	2 Corinthians 13:11-end
31.05.21	85, 150	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Mark 3:31-end
01.06.21	5, 6	Job Ch 8	Romans 4:1-12
02.06.21	119:1-32	Job Ch 9	Romans 5:1-11
03.06.21 Corpus Christi	147	Deuteronomy 8:2-16	1 Corinthians 10:1-17
04.06.21	17, 19	Job Ch 11	Romans 6:1-14
05.06.21	20, 21, 23	Job Ch 12	Romans 6:15-end
06.06.21	36	Deuteronomy 6:10-end	Acts 22:22-23:11
07.06.21	27, 30	Job Ch 13	Romans 7:1-6
08.06.21	32, 36	Job Ch 14	Romans 7:7-end
09.06.21	34	Job Ch 15	Romans 8:1-11
10.06.21	37	Job 16:1-17:2	Romans 8:12-17
11.06.21 Barnabas the Apostle	100, 101, 117	Jeremiah 9:23-34	Acts 4:32-end
12.06.21	41, 42, 43	Job Ch 18	Romans 8:31-end

Church Open for Private Prayer

The church will continue to be open on a Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm, for Private Prayer.



Bishop James

As many of you may know Bishop James retires as our diocesan bishop at the end of July after eleven years of faithful service. Parishes have been asked if they would like **to make a donation towards a retirement gift for him and his wife Bridget.** There will be a col-

lection box at the back of church for the next three Sundays should you wish to make a contribution.

Due to COVID restrictions Bishop James has not been able to say many good-byes in person and so all parishes have also been asked to make a short 30-60second video to say our goodbyes to him. If you have any good ideas as to what eye-catching thing we could do please speak to me or one of the wardens.

Archdeacon of Tonbridge

Congratulations to Archdeacon Julie who has been appointed as the Bishop of Birkenhead in the diocese of Chester. She will be ordained bishop on the 19th July. During the time of vacancy Archdeacon Paul Wright, the archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley will have oversight of the parishes in Shoreham Deanery.

Christian Aid

A total of £486 was sent to Christian Aid from the Churches together in West Kingsdown. As a church we raised £125. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Community Cupboard



Hub phone: 07526 823122

Email: communitycupboard19@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/thecommunitycupboard19
Twitter: [TheCommunityCu1](https://twitter.com/TheCommunityCu1)

I know that many of you have been taking food and toiletries to the Community Cupboard throughout the pandemic. Thank you so much. From this week there will once again be a box at the back of church for you to pop any goodies into and we will make sure these get taken to the foodbank each week. The Community Cupboard are delighted to be the recipients of the Puzzle Digest Charity award,

receiving £250. They send an enormous thank you to **Brenda Holder** for nominating them.

Reg Endres R.I.P.

Reg passed away on Tuesday 4th May at the home of his daughter Jacqui in Bromley. Until just before the beginning of the pandemic Reg was a regular member of our congregation. Driving from his home Swanley each week at the grand age of 93. Reg always had a smile on his face and a good story to tell. He will be missed. His funeral will take place in church at 11.15am on Thursday 10th June. Sadly, there will only be room for his family in church as family bubbles will still need to keep socially distanced, but friends and members of the congregation may like to gather in



the churchyard (weather permitting). He will then go to Eltham Crematorium for cremation. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. His daughter used to bring Reg down to put flowers on his wife's and this is a photograph she took on Reg's last outing in January. She said Reg loved the church here and it was only ill health that finally prevented him coming to West Kingsdown.

Tomato Plants

When I spoke with Ann last Sunday she only had six to-mato plants left and so if you would like some **please contact Ann on 01474 852140**



Summer Fair

Thank you so much to all those who have responded to Don's message about the Summer Fair. Volunteers are still needed to help and general donations for the stalls required. Please give Don a ring if you can help, (it will make him a very happy man) and place any donations in the box at the back of church.

Hymns Ancient & Modern

A couple of weeks ago Angela & Mike, our churchwardens, and I spent a morning clearing out and tidying up the choir vestry. As part of that clear up we have over 100 Ancient & Modern Hymn Books that we no longer require. Sadly, the books are now out of date and haven't been used for a very long time, well before my time here and that's almost 7 years. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to store things no longer used. I have asked other churches if they would like them, and no one is interested. Many of the books were donated in memory of somebody. If you remember donating a book(s) and would like to claim it/them please contact me (852265 or revsarahcorry@gmail.com) by 31st May. Thank you.

1662 Book of Common Prayer

During our clear out we also found some old copies of the Book of Common Prayer. If you would like one please help yourself from the table at the back of church.

Birthdays



We have just one gentleman celebrating his birthday this week. A very **Happy birthday** to **Bill Crocker** on the 5th June. I hope you have a wonderful day Bill.

Coronavirus Quilt Update

We have had some more amazing squares given in and we are slowly getting nearer to the 100 decorated squares needed. Thank you all so much. Please keep the squares coming in. Geraldine has a number of plain knitted squares that need decorating. If you are able to help her with this, please contact her on 01474 852201.

Have a good week

Every Blessing Rev Sarah