

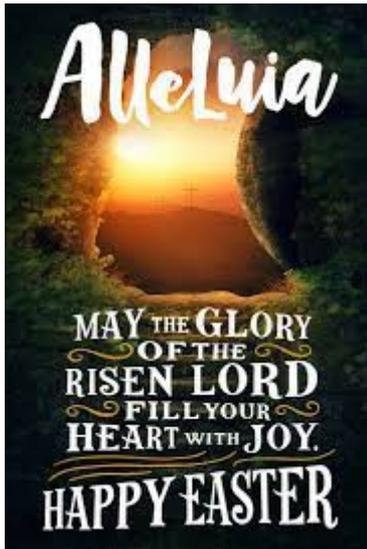
Parish Church of
St. Edmund King & Martyr
West Kingsdown



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Newsletter 4th April 2021 (24)



May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Easter. Perhaps it is not quite the Easter celebrations that we would like but at least the church is open for worship, which it wasn't this time last year. Sadly though, because of restrictions, we are not able to accommodate all those that would like to attend. I am so sorry if you were unable to get a place this week. I hope you will be able to take time to read through the Easter service or perhaps watch one on television or online.

Again, this Sunday we have some joining us from home via ZOOM. Although this wasn't entirely successful last week because of poor broadband quality we are continuing to try and improve this.

Holy Week has been different, but it was a great joy for me to be able to share in Easter Worship with the children, in their bubbles, from our own West Kingsdown Church School on Tuesday. We journeyed together through the events of Holy Week. The photograph on the right shows some of the symbols we used. On Wednesday Geraldine brought a box of bunnies and chicks for me to bless before Jon took them to and left them for the residents in Manordene Nursing home.



On Maundy Thursday I renewed my ordination vows via a livestreamed service from Rochester Cathedral. We then celebrated the Mass of the Last Supper in church. On Good Friday we held a service of meditation on the Passion of our Lord. In front of the stripped altar was a cross, made from the trunk of the church Christmas Tree, and a crown of thorns. This was then placed outside the main church door.

This afternoon my two eldest grandchildren assisted by their parents, although I



think it was probably the other way round, created the Easter garden underneath the Yew Tree.



The Cross and Crown of Thorns



Finley, Izzy and Tamara planting the garden and the finished garden. Do take a moment to stop look and reflect if you are in the churchyard.

Morning Prayer Readings

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
04.04.21	114, 117	Gen. 1:1-5,26-end	2 Cor.5:14-6:2
05.04.21	111, 146	Song of Sol. 1:9-2:7	Mark 16:1-8
06.04.21	112, 147:1-12	Song of Sol. 2:8-end	Luke 24:1-12
07.04.21	113, 147:13-end	Song of Sol. Ch3	Matthew 28:16-end
08.04.21	114, 148	Song of Sol. 5:2-6;3	Luke 7:11-17
09.04.21	115,149	Song of Sol. &:10-8:4	Luke 8:41-end
10.04.21	116, 150	Song of Sol. 8:5-7	John 11:17-44

Church Open

The church will be open on Wednesday between 2 and 4pm for private prayer.

Worship next Sunday 11th April

I will be on leave next Sunday and Rev Harriet will be celebrating the Eucharist. Please book your place by ringing Angela on 01474 852513 **from Monday 5th April.**

Easter 'Draw'

The draw will take place in front of the churchwardens and myself this morning and all winners will be notified. Thank you to all those who have provided prizes and bought tickets. I will let you know how much we have made in next weeks letter.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 12noon on Sunday 25th April 2021 in church and via ZOOM. Please do put the date in your diary. In preparation for the meeting a **revision of the church electoral roll** has to take place. Notice has gone up on the church boards giving all the information you need. If you have any questions please contact the electoral roll officer Pauline Jenner. **Please do ask Pauline for a form if you would like your name added. You only have to apply if you are not already on the roll.** The revision of the roll will close on 10th April.

Nominations for two churchwardens and six members to the PCC, 5 for three years and 1 for a year, are now open. Information and nomination forms can be obtained from the Rector.

Jean Hawes (R.I.P.)

Jean's funeral will take place at Eltham Crematorium this Thursday 8th April at 3.15pm. The funeral cortege will leave from her home on Clearways at 2.30pm. The service is to be webcast and below are the details if you would like to login to it.

<https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>

Login ID 87910

password rjvcsbga (all lower case)

Birthdays

We wish a very **Happy Birthday** to **Angie Skinner** on Tuesday and **Owen Abel** on Thursday. I hope you both have a lovely day.

Thank You

Many of you have done so much in the past weeks to help prepare for worship, making sure everything that needs to be done has been, from arranging flowers, cleaning the church, preparing chicks and bunnies, sourcing the photo for the Easter Card, helping deliver mailings, you know who you are, thank you so much. I **Mike**, our churchwardens, for their much appreciated.

all Rev Sarah

A REMINDER



especially want to thank **Angela and** tremendous help and support. It is very **Easter Blessings to you**

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.

