

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



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## Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 (28)

Dear All

I find it very difficult to believe that today is the very first day of May. May is always the month to enjoy the delicate colours and forms of blossom on the trees. I can never get enough of the smell and intrinsic beauty of blossom, another sure sign that spring is here. Today I was extremely lucky to be able to spend time having lunch with my best friend in her garden. We haven't seen each other since December 2019, seventeen months ago! We lived next door but one to each other for twenty-seven years and were so used to being able to pop into each other's houses for a quick cuppa and catch up. After I moved from our home in Glebelands my friend Jo continued to live there for a further four years and so whenever I wasn't able to see her in person, I could at least visualise her in her home. Not long before the pandemic took hold, she moved house and I have been unable to conjure up any pictures of her in her new home, until today that is. I was at least able to walk through it to the garden and am now able to make a visual connection with her and her home and garden. To the right is a beautiful picture of one of her apple trees in blossom.



### **Prayer and Worship**

Today's service is once again being livestreamed via ZOOM thanks to Jenn Abel. Please remember to book your place for next Sunday's Eucharist by phoning Angela on 01474 852513 from tomorrow, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. On Wednesday morning **5<sup>th</sup> May** we will once again be open for Morning Prayer at 9.30am. I hope to be able to gradually increase the days on which Morning Prayer is said in church until we are back to the pattern we had pre pandemic. The church will continue to be open on a Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm, for Private Prayer.

## **Morning Prayer Readings**

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
02.05.21	44:16-end	Daniel 3:16-28	Hebrews 11:32-12:2
03.05.21	145	Deuteronomy 16:1-20	1 Peter 1:1-12
04.05.21	19, 147:1-12	Deuteronomy 17:8-end	1 Peter 1:13-end
05.05.21	30, 147:13-end	Deuteronomy 18:9-end	1 Peter 2:1-10
06.05.21	57, 148	Deuteronomy ch 19	1 Peter 2:11-end
07.05.21	138, 149	Deuteronomy 21:22-22:8	1 Peter 3:1-12
08.05.21	146, 150	Deuteronomy 24:5-end	1 Peter 3:13-end

## **APCM**

The results of last week's APCM elections are as follows –

**Churchwardens** Angela Beale and Mike Wesley

**Newly elected PCC members** Kim Johnstone, Janet Jones and Pat Bosley.

A copy of the Rectors report is in with this week's mailing.

## **Christian Aid Week**

This year Christian Aid Week is from 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we are unable to hold our usual CTWK Quiz this year. Envelopes will be available in church on the next two Sundays and a bucket will be placed at the back of church for any loose change. Please give as generously as you are able in these difficult times.



## **Shoreham Deanery**

This week Bishop James is making a week long visit to Shoreham Deanery. It will be his last as Bishop before he retires at the end of July. Due to the pandemic the programme of his visit is very different from years gone by, much of it will be via ZOOM. He will however be coming to West Kingsdown on Tuesday Morning to visit the Art Studio that the church has set up within the school, with a grant from the Children and Young Peoples fund, to address the well-being and spirituality of children and families post COVID-19 lockdown. It is an excit-

ing project still in its infancy. I will keep you posted as to how things are going as the weeks progress.

The Bishop will also be speaking and taking questions at the Deanery Synod Meeting on Thursday 6th. The first part of the meeting is open to all. The meeting will take place via ZOOM. Please contact me if you would like the login details.

### **St. Edmund's Pathway out of Covid Plan**

To date things appear to be going well in the governments four step plan. Let's hope that it continues. We are now well in to step two of the roadmap out, allowing for funerals to continue to take place with a maximum of 30 attendees, although in our church the maximum number has to be 24. Weddings, wakes and receptions can take place with a maximum of 15 people. Our pathway out at St. Edmund's is going to plan and I am looking to **May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Pentecost)** when we will once again trial serving refreshment after Sunday worship within the same restrictions as before. Again, if all goes to the governments timetable and all restrictions are lifted on 21<sup>st</sup> June **we will resume both an 8am and 10.30 am service on 28<sup>th</sup> June.** As well as holding a celebration **Songs of Praise at 3pm** on that Sunday followed by a celebratory tea in the Millennium Room and Churchyard.

Hopefully we can **trial the Pop-In opening** from the **3<sup>rd</sup> July.**

### **Summer Fayre**

We have set aside **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July** for a scaled down version of the Summer Fayre on the Gamecock Meadow. This will give people an opportunity of meeting up, perhaps for the first time for over a year. Please put the date in your diary. More details to follow.



#### **Tomato Plants**

Ann Munro is once again growing tomato plants and she tells me they are doing really well. She doesn't put a set price on them but asks for donations for church. She says that if anyone in the church wants to be sure of getting what they want, the following are available:-

**Money maker.** The old faithful, medium sized fruit **Shirley.** A good outdoor as well as indoor. Medium size fruit.

**Gardener's Delight.** Small red. Usually a good cropper.

**Sun gold.** Small sweet orange tomatoes.

All about 4 inches in height, 8 cms.

She will continue to care for them until we have bet-

ter weather but anyone with a greenhouse can have them now. **Please contact Ann on 01474 852140**

### **Bozco and Flogit**

During periods of lockdown Jon Battershill has produced each week, for your entertainment the 'Tales of Bozco and Flogit'. This week, for your amusement Bozco and Flogit make an extra appearance.

## **Hymns Ancient & Modern**

Last week 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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**



On Monday of this week, we wish **Sarah Cashman** a very **Happy Birthday**. Hope you have a lovely day.

## **A Reminder**

### **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.

**Every Blessing Rev Sarah**