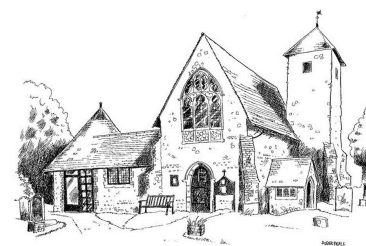


Parish Church of
St. Edmund King & Martyr
West Kingsdown



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Dear All

Opening our church for worship

This week has been a busy one and so far I haven't managed to get to see anybody as I said I hoped to do in last weeks letter. I did however meet with Angela as churchwarden and we discussed all that we need to put in to place to be able to open for worship. I am happy to tell you that our first open service to take place in church since the beginning of lock down will be on **Sunday 30th August at 10am.**

Coming together to worship God in our beautiful church in the woods is **fantastic news**. However it will be very different from what we are used to and for everybody's safety I ask that you adhere to all that is laid out below.

To keep to the rules on social distancing we will only be able to take a total of **24 people** at any one service.

- ! Sadly you will need to **indicate your intension to attend** by phoning **Angela Beale** on **01474 852513**. So that it is fair to all **this is the only way that you can book your place**. Your name will be placed on a list at the time of your call so please do not ask Angela if you see her out and about. If you find you are unable to attend please let Angela know.
- ! You can only book one week at a time. Bookings will be taken from the Monday leading up to the Sunday.
- ! All members of the congregation **will need to wear a face covering**
- ! You will be asked to **gel your hands** on entering the building
- ! Unfortunately you will not be able to sit where you choose or with whom you choose. You will be shown to your seat and the church will have to be filled from the front to the back. There will be only one person in each pew. Groups from the same household will be able to sit together. Please give all names when booking so that seating can be worked out.
- ! We are not able to sing but we will have hymns and music to listen to
- ! An order of service will be in each place and you are asked to take it home with you.
- ! Your name will be kept for 21days from the date you attend worship.

Please do not let this put you off coming to worship.

We have come through and dealt with so much over the past five months and we will adapt to this too. I look forward to welcoming you back to our spiritual home.

This weeks worship

As I write the service I recorded earlier should be uploading to the cloud for Jamie to edit and put onto Youtube but it isn't 'playing ball'. He is due to be going away this evening and so at this point in time the service may not be able to be watched. But just in case please go onto our church website www.st-edmund.co.uk or Face book page www.facebook.com/StEdmundKingandMartyr on Sunday morning after 7am and see if we have managed to get it posted. As usual I have put the Youtube links in the printed service sheet.

Annual Leave

I am taking some more leave this week and won't be around from Saturday 15th August, returning to work on Saturday 22nd August. If there is an emergency whilst I am away please contact Angela Beale on 01474 852513

Birthdays this week



This week we wish **Happy Birthday** to three lovely people. On the 16th **Barbara Arundel** celebrates her birthday in Wiltshire. We have missed seeing you during this time of pandemic Barbara and look forward to when you are able to visit West Kingsdown again. On the 17th one of our young people **Lucas Stevenson** celebrates his eleventh birthday. The 18th August sees **Brian Collier** celebrate a special birthday with a zero on the end, **Happy 70th Brian**. Wherever you are and whatever you are doing to celebrate your birthdays I hope you all have a wonderful day.

Sunflowers

At the moment the competition for height has to be between Shelia Crawford, George and Jane Smith and Mike Wesley. Although I did see Moya Arundel's earlier this week and they must come very close. Mikes win on having the most heads per flower, would you believe 5! I'm afraid I can't share any photos at the moment because I am having big problems with my PC (like me it is getting very old and has a mind all of its own) and along with a number of other problems the photos will not down load!

Have a good week

Every Blessing Sarah