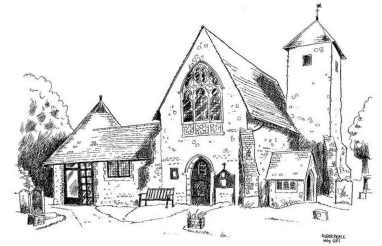


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Newsletter 9th May 2021 (29)

Dear Friends

In some ways things are beginning to get back to a type of pre pandemic normality. There are definitely more people out and about and the roads are much busier.

On Monday we had May Bank Holiday which I have to say almost passed me by unnoticed. The weather was better than had been predicted but was nothing much to write home about. Don and I spent time at home catching up on jobs in the house and garden before catching up with family later in the day. On Tuesday Bishop James visited the newly opened Art Studio in school and met some of the children from years three and four who were working on a piece of work based on the school vision statement from Matthew 5 verse 16, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Bishop James was asked to paint a small part of the picture. See the photograph below. Other groups of children from the same year groups managed to complete the picture by the end of the day. It looks wonderful.



The rest of the week just flew by with various meetings and courses that were in the diary, along with catching up with several people via phone calls and doorstep meetings. On Friday I celebrated my birthday and I want to say **an enormous thank you** for the cards and gifts I received. I was very touched. You truly are a wonderful bunch of people.

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 10 May. Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am on Wednesday and Saturday mornings this week. The church will continue to be open on a Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm, for Private Prayer. On Thursday, 13th May it is **Ascension Day** and there will be a service at 7pm.

You only need to book for the Sunday Service.

Morning Prayer Readings

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
09.05.21	104:26-32	Ezekiel 47:1-12	John 21:1-19
10.05.21	65, 67	Deuteronomy ch26	1 Peter 4:1-11
11.05.21	124, 125, 126, 127	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	1 Peter 4:12-end
12.05.21	132, 133	Deuteronomy 28:58-end	1 Peter ch 5
13.05.21 Ascension Day	110, 150	Isaiah 52:7-end	Hebrews 7:26-end
14.05.21 Matthias the Apostle	16, 147:1-12	1 Samuel 2:27-35	Acts 2:37-end
15.05.21	21, 47	Deuteronomy ch30	1 John 1:1-2:6

Christian Aid Week

This week is Christian Aid Week. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we are unable to hold our usual CTWK Quiz this year. Envelopes are available in church and a bucket at the back of church for any loose change. Please give as generously as you are able in these difficult times. If you have an envelope at home that needs picking up please let me know.



Reg Endres R.I.P.

I heard this week that Reg passed away on Tuesday 4th May at the home of his daughter Jackie 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 on 10th June. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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, al-

lowing 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 23rd (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 21st June **we will resume both an 8am and 10.30 am service on 28th 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 **3rd July.**

Summer Fayre

We have set aside **Saturday 31st 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 crop-
per.

Sun gold. Small sweet orange tomatoes.

All about 4 inches in height, 8 cms.

She will continue to care for them until we have better weather but anyone with a greenhouse can have them now. **Please contact Ann on 01474 852140**

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 two people celebrating a birthday this week. **Rob Cashman** on the 12th and **Hannah Powell** on the 14th. We wish you both a very **Happy Birthday** and hope that you enjoy your day.

Coronavirus Quilt Update

Thank you to those who have already contributed squares for the quilt. As you finish them it would be helpful if you could either bring them to the Rectory, leave them in church when it is open, or phone me if you need them collected. This will help Geraldine to plan putting the quilt together. **Please do continue making squares.**

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.

Also another reminder to send in your Lockdown photographs

Have a good week.

Every Blessing Rev'd Sarah