

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



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**Dear Friends**

First of all many apologies for those of you who experienced technical problems with the video last Sunday. Please do always contact me and let me know and don't assume it's just you. If I'm not told I can't rectify the problem, well actually Jamie can't rectify the problem!



The link for this weeks service is <https://youtu.be/9sToAKeWA9K> if there is a problem with the link always go to the website and click on the link there. I will always notify Keith (for the website) and Janet (for Facebook) first and therefore you should be able to gain access even if it is later in the day.

Yesterday, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, was the anniversary of my Induction and Installation six years ago, my goodness how time flies. I remember the day so well, it was the hottest day of the year and the church was absolutely crammed with people, there was indeed 'no room at the inn'. Earlier in the day I had slipped down the last three stairs in the Rectory, landing with my foot twisted underneath me. By the evening my foot was twice the size it should have been, which was nothing on the size it was the next morning. I spent the first three weeks here on crutches, having to be ferried around the parish by Don and sitting with my foot raised wherever I was.

**Rev Sarah's Annual Leave and Goodbye to Rev Harriet**

Today's letter will be the last one until 8<sup>th</sup> August as I am taking some annual leave from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July through to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

**Sunday Worship**

The services for the next three Sundays, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> August, have been prepared and recorded. You will receive the order of service for this Sunday with this mailing and those for the 26<sup>th</sup> July & 2<sup>nd</sup> August will go out on Tuesday. The recording of each service will go live from 7am, on the correct Sunday, which you will be able to watch via our website <http://www.st-edmunds.co.uk> Go to the home page and click where indicated.



The recorded service on 2<sup>nd</sup> August is Rev Harriet's last service as our curate and is a Eucharist service. It is very sad that we are not able to worship altogether in our church building to celebrate Harriets ministry with us, to pray for her as she continues her journey and to say our farewells. I encourage all those that are able to log into the service around the time we would normal meet together and those who are not able to watch the service please do try to be part of it in your own homes by praying through the order of service that will have been delivered to you. I have enjoyed working with Harriet immensely and will miss having her as a colleague, I will say more at a later date but for now SHALOM Harriet.

**Church Open for Private Prayer**

During my leave Rev Harriet will be supervising the opening of church for Private Prayer both on Sunday mornings between 9.30 and 12.30 and Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 5pm. If you are able why not pop down to church during one of those sessions to say your personal goodbye to her. Once we are able to hold a service without social distancing we will invite her back so that we are able to say a formal farewell as the church community of St. Edmunds.

### **Who to contact during this time**

If there is an emergency whilst I am away please contact **Angela Beale** (churchwarden) on **01474 852513**

### **Our church school**

#### **Leavers**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> our school breaks for the summer holidays, a well-deserved time for rest and recuperation for all the staff who have worked tirelessly since the beginning of lockdown, staying open all through the holidays for key-workers children closing for only four bank holiday days during the whole period. Throughout the May holiday staff worked really hard preparing the school to open for specified year groups in what were known as class bubbles.

Usually there are a number of events for our school leavers but unfortunately this year things have been very different. However on Thursday evening Year six had a social distanced outdoor cinema evening with pizza. They will be presented with a leavers mug from us all at St Edmunds, which has on it a picture of the church plus the four school Christian Values of **Love, Respect, Trust** and **Courage**. Values they have lived by for the whole of their time at West Kingsdown CofE Primary. We wish them all well in the next part of their journey.

Sadly we also have to say goodbye to Mrs Ray, the school secretary, who is retiring and Mrs Phillips the head teacher who is moving onto a new headship in September. Mrs Phillips arrived at West Kingsdown Primary a year before I arrived in the village and it has been my immense pleasure to work with her. I thank her for the hard work and dedication she has shown to our young people. I will greatly miss working with her.

#### **Year 5 Bibles**

At the beginning of each academic year it has been our practice as a church to present the children in Year 5 with a Youth Bible, which they use for worship and R.E. during their final two years in the school. They then take the Bible with them when they leave at the end of Year 6. I believe that it is important for us as a church to continue this tradition and especially in the times we find ourselves in at present. Somehow we will find the money for these bibles. We need to purchase 30 copies at a cost of **£13.99 each**, a total of **£419.70**.

**If you are able to make a donation towards these Bibles it would be very gratefully received.**

Please either leave me an email [revsarahcorry@gmail.com](mailto:revsarahcorry@gmail.com) or phone message **01474852265** to make a pledge of donation and I will get back to you with how to pay once I return from annual leave. Many, many thanks.

#### **Birthdays**

We have five birthdays to celebrate before the end of July. We wish a very **Happy Birthday** to **Shelia Lampard** on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Marie Watts** on the 26<sup>th</sup>, **Julie Mills** on the 29<sup>th</sup>, **Eran Powell** on the 30<sup>th</sup> and **Reg Roots** on 31<sup>st</sup>. Whatever you do I hope you have an enjoyable day.



I look forward to making contact again after my leave and bringing you all up to date on the latest news on reopening for worship.

**Every Blessing** Rev Sarah