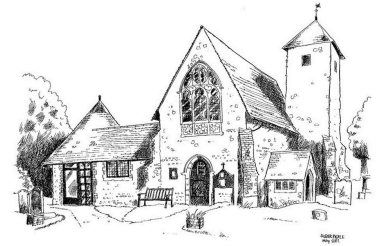


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## **Weekly Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> November**



### **What next?**

Unfortunately, no one can know exactly how things are going to pan out over the coming weeks and that is very unsettling. On Thursday England goes back into lockdown. Although this lockdown will not be as restrictive as the one we lived through from March to July it will impact on our daily lives. We will no longer, except in very limited circumstances, be able to meet up with other people outside our own households. **Sadly, our church buildings are to be closed again** and below is the guidance regarding places of worship copied **from the government website**.

### **Places of Worship will be closed, unless they are being used for:**

- ! Funerals
- ! To broadcast acts of worship
- ! Individual prayer
- ! Formal childcare or where part of a school
- ! Essential voluntary and public services, such as blood donation or food banks
- ! Other exempted activities such as some support groups

Funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people, (*because of the size of our church building and the need to social distance the limit will be 24*) and it is advised that only close friends and family attend. Linked ceremonial events such as stone settings and ash scatterings can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance. Anyone working is not included. Social distancing should be maintained between people who do not live together or share a support bubble.

Weddings, civil partnership ceremonies will not be permitted to take place except in exceptional circumstances.

We are told that this period of lockdown will end on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

I have no other information at the moment and wait for clarity over the next few days. I will record next Sunday's worship, an Act of Remembrance, and it will be put onto our church website [www.st-edmunds.co.uk](http://www.st-edmunds.co.uk) . Any updates will appear on both our Facebook page and website. I will endeavour to deliver out a weekly mailing to those without internet access.

**Morning Prayer this week**

Morning prayer will be said in church this coming Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November and the church will be open for private prayer from 1.30-3.30pm after which the building will be closed unless clarification of what is meant by 'individual prayer' indicates otherwise.

**Morning Prayer Readings for the week**

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
01.11.20	15, 84, 149	Isaiah ch 35	Luke 9:18-27
02.11.20	2, 146	Daniel ch 1	Revelation ch 1
03.11.20	5, 147:1-12	Daniel 2:1-24	Revelation 2:1-11
04.11.20	9, 147:13-end	Daniel 2: 25-end	Revelation 2:12-end
05.11.20	11, 15, 148	Daniel 3:1-18	Revelation 3:1-18
06.11.20	16, 149	Daniel 3:19-end	Revelation 3:14-end
07.11.20	18,:31-end, 150	Daniel 4:1-18	Revelation ch 4

We wish **Brian Dethridge** a very **Happy Birthday** today, 1<sup>st</sup> November, and also hope he is making good progress after his hip surgery.



**Christmas 2020**

I cannot, at this time, give you any firm plans as to what will happen. I promise you that as soon as it is possible, I will do so. However, we are going ahead with our **Christmas Draw** and the tickets are available from today. Don will be around after worship for anybody who can take some. Please, please take as many as you can and sell them as widely as you can. There are 10 prizes. 1st prize is £50, 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 bottles of Wine, 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Hamper (1), 4<sup>th</sup> Chocolate Hamper, 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Hamper (2), 6<sup>th</sup> Bottle of Champagne 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Floral Arrangement, 8<sup>th</sup> Bottle of Southern Comfort, 9<sup>th</sup> Fat Face: Ocean Escape Gift Set, 10<sup>th</sup> Tub of Chocolates. **Tickets available from the**

**Rectory or call Don on 07769708251.** This, hopefully along with our **Christmas Tree festival** are our **ONLY** fund-raising events this year.

Please see either the **front of this months SEKAM, last week's newsletter or the website** for information on the **Christmas Tree Festival**, which will be something to look forward to after lockdown. **Every Blessing Rev Sarah**

