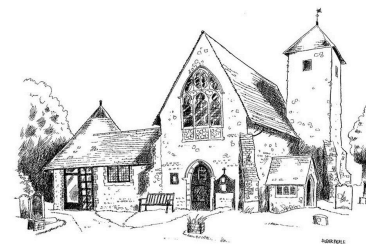


Parish Church of  
**St. Edmund King & Martyr**  
West Kingsdown

---



**Rector:**

**The Rev'd Sarah Corry**, The Rectory, School Lane, West Kingsdown TN15 6JL  
Tel: 01474 852265 E-mail: revsarahcorry@gmail.com

**Dear Friends**

Another week passes as we continue to navigate our way through a COVID 19 world. Thankfully the daily death rate appears to have evened itself out to the low teens, and parts of our lives are getting back to some sort of normality or as it is referred to the 'new normal'. What is the new normal? A life that involves a new vocabulary that's for sure, 'social distancing', 'furloughed', 'zoom', PPE, being just four of the most used words or terms at this moment in time.

This is my twenty-first letter and there has only been one week during that time, when I was annual leave, where no letter was written. As I indicated last week as we begin to introduce various things back into the weekly calendar things will change.

I am very aware that there are still quite a number of our congregation that are continuing to remain at home because they are in the more vulnerable category. Also that others are waiting to see how worship in church pans out. Everything is trial and error at the moment. However I am very much looking forward to our first service in church tomorrow, it's a big step forward. I am very grateful to Angela Beale for the time she has spent in helping me to prepare for tomorrow. I'll let you know how it all goes next week although probably by then the 'jungle drums of West Kingsdown' will have played their part!

**Mailing**

Throughout this time of pandemic I have tried to keep everybody informed and connected but I know that there are those that fall through the net and so I ask everybody to play their part in communicating information. From this week on please direct people to the website where up to date information, the week's order of service and letter/pew sheet can be found. I will no longer be delivering out on a Saturday evening. Those who attend worship will receive hard copies of everything in church. I ask those that attend worship to take copies prepared for those without internet who live near them and deliver them on their way home. Thank you in advance for doing this.

**Services in the coming weeks**

As we do not have internet connection at church we are unable to live stream worship but the intension each week is to record the service as it takes place and to download it onto Youtube as quickly as possible. It will then be put onto our website. When possible that will be on the same day but there may be teething troubles so please bear with me. Without the help of others this would not be possible. I once again thank my son Jamie, who knows his mum is 'a bear with very little brain' as far as technology is concerned, for making this

happen. I would also like to thank Keith Cass who runs our website and Janet Jones our Facebook page for their continual help in communicating and promoting information sent to them. **Unfortunately this week's service will not go onto the website until Tuesday.**

### Our church school

We hold all the children and staff from our church school in our prayers as they return to school this week. For some this will be the first time in over five and a half months. At the end of term we bid farewell to Mrs Phillips and we now welcome Mr Hulme as he takes on the role of executive head teacher. Under his leadership much work has been carried out during the holiday period to improve the school building.

### Sunflowers



My beautiful sunflower has at last flowered. It may not have the height of many but it is just the right height for me as this is the view I get of it as I sit at my computer and look out of the window. It literally peeps above the top of my screen. Thank you Reg, it brightens my day. It also reminds me of the journey we have been on together, from the seed, given to represent new life at Easter to the growth we see today. Despite everything the intricate nature of God's creation never ceases to amaze me. Please continue to send in your photographs. I am hoping to produce some pictures for all to see sometime soon.

This Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September the funeral of Margaret Kemp will take place at Bluebell Cemetery. Margaret was a member of the Royal British Legion and lived on Clearways Park. Her funeral cortège will leave from there, after prayers, at around 10.30am. We hold Margaret's family in our prayers.



This week we wish a very **Happy Birthday** to **Jakki Haysom** and her brother **Steve** on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. Steve lives in America but visits West Kingsdown regularly. When he does he always joins us for worship. Please pass our birthday wishes on to him Jakki. On the 4th September we wish a very **Happy Birthday** to both **Keith Cass** and **Susan Wood**. I hope you all have a wonderful day.



**With Every Blessing**  
**Rev Sarah**