

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



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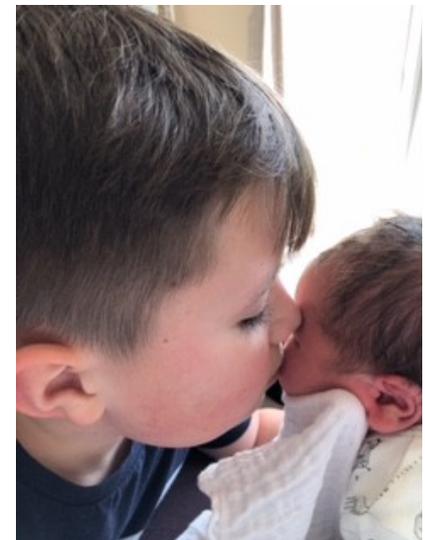
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Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your emails and cards of congratulations. If I have not replied to you personally, I am very sorry. It has been a rather busy, full on week balancing work, being a mum and grandma.

I hope you don't mind my overindulgence, but I thought I would share a couple of photographs with you, in fact five out of hundreds, of the new addition to our family – Carter Marc Perfect born at 1.37pm on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021 weighing 11lbs 2oz – and his big brother Finley.



As you can see, I don't think Carter has much say in the football team he will support. He will of course be a Saints supporter, that's indeed if he likes football!

Don and I are so fortunate to now be in a support bubble with Em, Steve, Finley and Carter which means that we have been able to have lots of baby cuddles. Finley is a doting brother who has helped to dress Carter but refused point blank to change a nappy.

Mind you I think Carter



probably comes a close first to his x-box.

### **Schools reopen to all pupils**

Monday sees schools reopening for all pupils and so we hold all teachers, pupils and those who work in school in our prayers, especially remembering our own church school here in West Kingsdown. I'm sure the children can't wait to see their friends and classmates again. I am looking forward to being able to once again lead school worship in person rather than over ZOOM.

### **Sad news - Jean Hawes (R.I.P.)**

Margaret Grizzell sadly informed me that Jean Hawes died this week. She was in respite care, living in a nursing home in Sevenoaks. She was a regular member of our congregation, attending with her friends Margaret and Brenda. Pre Covid she was also a regular at the Pop-In and often came to the monthly lunch group. She will be missed. I have no further details at this time.

### **St. Edmunds Pathway out of Covid Plan**

Please do see last weeks letter for our plan.

### **Worship in the coming weeks**

This week I have once again, with the help of Mike Wesley (thank you Mike), recorded a short service of the word for you. It will go live on the website [www.st-edmund.co.uk](http://www.st-edmund.co.uk) at 6am on Sunday morning. The recorded service follows exactly the printed order of service that is sent out with this letter and can also be downloaded from our website. If you are unable to access the recording do take time to pray the service through for yourself.

Another reminder of other sources that you can link into - Rochester cathedral, (which is closed for worship) is live streaming worship twice a week, a Sunday Eucharist at 11am and Choral Evensong at 5.30pm on a Thursday. [www.rochestercathedral.org](http://www.rochestercathedral.org) On the top left-hand side of the Home page there is a box 'Online service', click here. The Church of England also hold online services on a Sunday and throughout the week [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

If you are without internet remember that you can watch **Songs of Praise on BBC1 at 1.15pm each Sunday**. Also, Tricia Townsend phoned to let me know that, on a **Sunday Morning on BBC 1 at 11am, for the 6 weeks of Lent, there will be Lent Worship hosted by Rev'd Kate Botley**.

### **ZOOM Worship**

Last week it was a joy to share together in worship, albeit virtually via ZOOM, twelve of us took part. We will continue each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock until we are able to meet back in church, hopefully on Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. As I only have the basic ZOOM package Jakki Haysom has offered to host Sunday worship for us.

Thank you so much Jakki. It was lovely to see, worship and speak with people, some of whom I haven't seen for such a long time. **If you would like to join us please let me know. All are most welcome.**

**Morning Prayer Readings**

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
07.03.21	18:1-25	Jeremiah ch 38	Philippians 1:1-26
08.03.21	5,7	Jeremiah 11:1-17	John 7:37-52
09.03.21	6,9	Jeremiah 11:18-12:6	John 7:53-8:11
10.03.21	38	Jeremiah 13:1-11	John 8:12-30
11.03.21	56,57	Jeremiah ch 14	John 8:31-47
12.03.21	22	Jeremiah 15:10-end	John 8:48-end
13.03.21	31	Jeremiah 16:10-17:4	John 9:1-17

**Lent 2021**

The **ZOOM Lent Course** run by Rev Harriet continues please see newsletters 17 and 18 for information. At present, because of numbers, the course is only running at 8pm. If you would like to join please let me know.

**#Live Lent, God's Story Our Story** – I hope those of you with books are enjoying them and that some of you have download the free app to your phone, ipad or laptop.

**Easter Flowers**

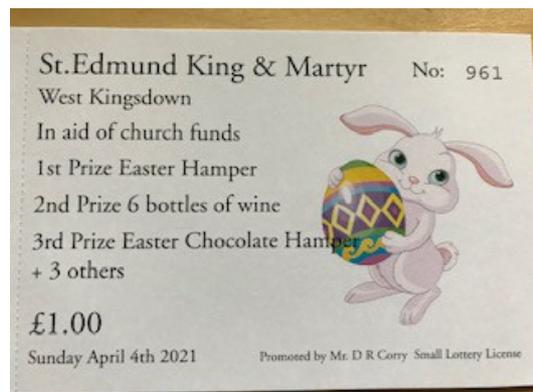
A message from Pauline Jenner -

We plan to decorate the church with Easter flowers.

If you would like to give a small donation in honour, memory or celebration of loved ones, please give name(s) and donation to Tricia on 01474 852664 or Pauline on 01474 852536/ [paulinejenner28@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulinejenner28@yahoo.co.uk) **Before 28<sup>th</sup> March please**

**Easter 'Draw'**

Once again your generosity is truly amazing – thank you so much for all the donations we have received for the Easter hampers. There are still plenty of tickets left. Please can I encourage you to sell as many as you can. **Tickets are £1 each** and can be purchased individually or in books of 10. **Please contact Don (07769708251)** if you would like some. They can either be picked up from the rectory or delivered to you.



**Birthdays**

We have no birthdays this week.

**FOSE – Spare Bonus Balls** See last weeks newsletter (19)

Have a good week.

**Every Blessing Rev'd Sarah**