

Parish Church of
St. Edmund King & Martyr
West Kingsdown



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Dear Friends

It is wonderful to be able to be back in church for worship once again. I have greatly missed worshipping in person. It is sad that because of social distancing we are still restricted in the number able to attend each service especially during this period of Holy week and Easter. However, when I look back to this period last year, where all churches were closed and no services took place at all, I rejoice at what we are able to do this year.

I also rejoice in how far we have come as a church with recording services and even more so in the past month, holding live ZOOM services. Today as we return to church to worship, we are also trying another first for us by linking in live with others in their homes via ZOOM. I am very grateful to Jenn Abel for agreeing to facilitate this – thank you so much Jenn. I don't know how it will go but I am excited that we can link both church and home together. The only thing that saddens me is that there are still quite a number of you who are unable to come out to church yet and also unable to link into the internet but know that I am thinking of you all and hold you in my prayers.



This week is **Holy Week**, and we journey with Jesus through the last week of his earthly life sharing in his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, his crucifixion on Good Friday and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. Although we are limited in what we are able to do this year we will be holding services on each of the main days. Below is a reminder of what is on this coming week.

Wednesday 31st March the church will be open between 2 and 4pm for Private prayer.

Maundy Thursday 1st April the Chrism Eucharist at which all deacons, priests and bishops renew their ordination vows, and the oils are blessed for the coming year will take place at 11am at Rochester Cathedral with very limited numbers physically

present. The service will be livestreamed through both Cathedral and Diocesan Facebook pages. Please do link into the service if you can.

www.facebook.com/CofERochester
www.facebook.com/rochester cathedral
www.rochester cathedral.org/worship-online

The Mass of the Last Supper will take place at 7pm in church. This year, sadly, there will be no foot washing, no Altar of Repose, Watch or Compline.

Good Friday 2nd April a service of Meditation will take place at 10am

Easter Sunday 4th April Eucharist at 10am

You must book your place at any of the services taking place in our church by phoning Angela on 01474852413 and remember to keep to all Covid-19 guidance rules.

On Tuesday I look forward to leading an Easter Act of Worship with each of the 'Bubbles' of children in our church primary school.

Morning Prayer Readings

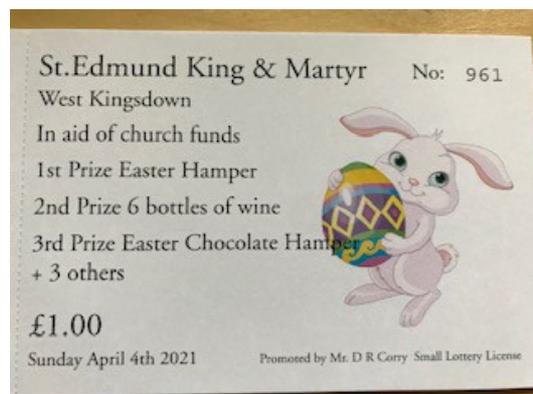
Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
28.03.21	61, 62	Zechariah 9:9-12	1 Corinthians 2:1-12
29.03.21	41	Lamentations 1:1-12	Luke 22:1-23
30.03.21	27	Lamentations 3:1-18	Luke 22:39-53
31.03.21	102	Jerimiah 11:18-20	Luke 22:54-end
01.04.21	42, 43	Leviticus 16:2-24	Luke 23:1-25
02.04.21	69	Genesis 22:1-18	A part of John ch 18-19
03.04.21	142	Hosea 6:1-6	John 2:18-22

Easter 'Draw'

This is the last week to get your Easter Draw tickets. **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. **The draw will take place next Sunday.**

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 12noon on Sunday 25th April 2021 in church and via ZOOM. Please do put the date in your diary. In preparation for the meeting a **revision of the church electoral roll** has to take place. Notice has gone up on the church boards giving all the information you need. If you have any questions please contact the electoral roll officer Pauline Jenner. **Please do ask Pauline for a**



form if you would like your name added. You only have to apply if you are not already on the roll. The revision of the roll will close on 10th April.

Jean Hawes (R.I.P.)

Jean's funeral will take place at Eltham Crematorium on Thursday 8th April at 3.15pm. The funeral cortege will leave from her home on Clearways around 2.20 to 2.30pm. The time still has to be clarified. The service is to be webcast and below are the details if you would like to login to it.

<https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>

Login ID 87910

password rjvcsbga (all lower case)

Birthdays



After a quiet week last week we have several birthdays to celebrate this week. First of all, we say **Happy Birthday** to **Lexi** who celebrates her birthday today (28th). Tomorrow (29th) we have two people who share the same birthday one of our oldest members **Sheila Crawford** will be 91 and one of our young men **Zac Cashman**, I believe, will be 13. Whatever you all do I hope you enjoy your special day.

Meeting with others outdoors



If the weather forecasters are to be believed we are in for some lovely warm and sunny weather this week and so I do hope you are able to get out and enjoy it, whether that be in your garden (if you have one) or out for a walk. From Monday two households or six individuals are able to meet up outdoors including in private gardens.

Have a lovely week, enjoy the sunshine.

Every Blessing Rev'd Sarah

A REMINDER

Two new projects instigated by Geraldine Mullen Thank you Geraldine

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.

PS Please do not dispose of last year's knitted hedgehogs and rabbits. Their time will come.

A question from St Edmund's: Have you taken pictures during the last year?

West Kingsdown - Lockdown in Pictures

Do you have a picture that really represents the struggles we have all been through?

Or maybe the successes or laughter or pain? If you are willing to share your masterpiece, please e mail it to revsarahcorry@gmail.com with the subject as "Lockdown in Pictures". Please include your name and a caption for your picture if it needs one. When we are allowed, you will be invited to an exhibition of all our moments and emotions. Periodically, before then, some pictures will appear on the Millennium Room windows.

Another photographic Project

Do you remember this photographic montage, created by Jon Battershill during the first lockdown? He took pictures of us all on our doorsteps. As we begin to ease out of this lockdown, hopefully not to return once more, he has another project in mind. You may see him out and about, camera in hand once more. The end result will be a few months away. Good luck Jon and thank you.

