

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



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## Newsletter 20th June 2021 (34)

Dear Friends

It's been another busy week. Along with lots of other things classes from both our church school and Birtley House visited church this week. It was wonderful to welcome them back after such a long time. I also conducted my first wedding of the year on yesterday. Everything of course was within Covid restrictions and keeping to the guidance laid down. Sadly the churchyard maintenance morning had to be cancelled due to the unpredictable weather conditions on Thursday.

### **Going Forward**

As expected, the Prime Minister announced on Monday that restrictions still in place would be extended another four weeks, being reviewed again on 19<sup>th</sup> July. I am now looking towards the end of July beginning of August to hold a celebratory Songs of Praise. It will happen the uncertainty is when.

However, from next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, there will be certain changes implemented. Hymn Books and Bibles will be back in the pews and a new order of service will not be produced each week. We will go back to using the same order of the Eucharist for ordinary time each week. The books will only be handled on a Sunday and then not used again for another week. Research has shown that the virus is rarely passed on via a surface.

I am also looking to reintroducing a weekly pew sheet instead of a Newsletter. I am looking to change the format and whilst looking at different options, I will continue to produce a newsletter of sorts. I am also looking in to how we might be able to continue to distribute the pew sheet each week to those unable to attend worship.

I am hoping that before too long there will be no need to book to come to Sunday worship. Whilst still keeping to guidance we are trying to be a little more flexible.

### **Prayer and Worship**

We are once again going to try to ZOOM worship this week. Let's hope we have a little more luck than before. Please remember to book your place for next Sunday's worship (27th June) **by phoning Angela Beale on 01474 852513**. If you haven't yet felt able to come back to church, for whatever reason, it would be lovely to see you.

## **Morning Prayer**

This week Morning Prayer will be said in church on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> at 8.30am, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.**

You only need to book for the Sunday Service.

## **Morning Prayer Readings**

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
20.06.21	48	Deuteronomy 11:1-15	Acts 27:1-12
21.06.21	71	Job ch 27	Romans 11:25-end
22.06.21	73	Job Ch 28	Romans 12:1-8
23.06.21	77	Job Ch 29	Romans 12:9-end
24.06.21 Birth of John the Baptist	50,149	Malachi 3:1-6	Luke 3:1-17
25..06.21	55	Job Ch 31	Romans 13:8-end
26.06.21	76, 79	Job Ch 32	Romans 14:1-12

## **Church Open for Private Prayer**

The church will continue to be open on a Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm, for Private Prayer.

## **David Diboll R.I.P.**

David was a lifelong resident of West Kingsdown and did many different jobs within the community. He could put his hand to many things and in recent months carved new gate posts for the gates at both ends of the church path. The ones at the Lych gate end are waiting to be put in. David's knowledge of Church Woods was immense. He was a regular member of the Baptist church. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace and rise in glory..

## **Churchyard Maintenance Morning**

As I already said, unfortunately, we were not able to hold the churchyard maintenance morning last Thursday. We are going to try again on Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup>) this week 9.30-11.30am, weather permitting. Please do come along and help for as little or as long as you can spare. It will be great to see you. If you are able, please bring your own tools with you. Look forward to seeing you there.

## **Year Six Leavers Gift**

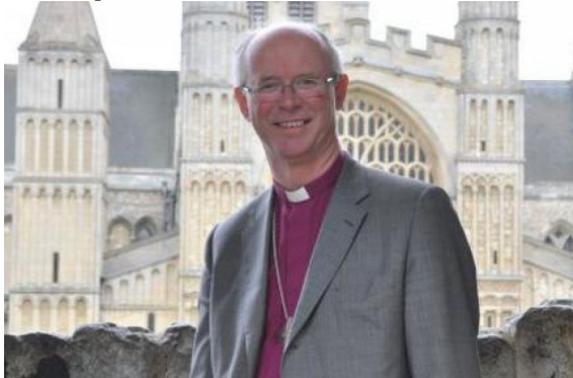
Each year as the pupils in year six of our church school prepare to go on to secondary school, we present them with a gift from the church. If you would like to make a donation towards this please either give it to me or one of the wardens. Thank you.

## **Summer Fair**

Thank you so much to all those who have responded to Don's message about the Summer Fair. Volunteers are still needed to help and general donations for the stalls, especially tombola, required. Please give Don a ring 07769708251 if you can help, it will make him a very happy man. Place any donations in the box at the back of

church, bring them to the Rectory or phone Don if you need anything picked up. Raffle tickets will be on sale from next Sunday. They are a £1 each, £10 for a book.

### **Bishop James**



Thank you to those who contributed to the collection for Bishop James' retirement. We have sent £50 from the congregation of St. Edmunds.

Due to COVID restrictions Bishop James has not been able to say many good-byes in person and so parishes were asked to produce a short video. We have produced one to say our goodbyes to him, which I have sent to the diocesan office.

### **Archdeacon of Tonbridge**

Congratulations to Archdeacon Julie who has been appointed as the Bishop of Birkenhead in the diocese of Chester. She will be ordained bishop on the 19<sup>th</sup> July. During the time of vacancy Archdeacon Paul Wright, the archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley will have oversight of the parishes in Shoreham Deanery.

### **Community Cupboard**



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I know that many of you have been taking food and toiletries to the Community Cupboard throughout the pandemic. Thank you so much. There is now a box at the back of church for you to pop any goodies into and we will make sure these get taken to the foodbank each week.

### **Birthdays**



Again, this week we have just one lovely lady celebrating her birthday. A very **Happy birthday** to **Elizabeth Stoneham** on the 23rd June. I hope you have a wonderful day **Elizabeth**..

### **Coronavirus Quilt Update**

Thank you to all those that have donated squares for the Corona quilt. If you still have some completed ones at home, please could you let Geraldine have them. No more new squares are needed. Thank you all so much. I can't wait to

see the finished article.  
**Have a good week**

**Every Blessing Rev Sarah**