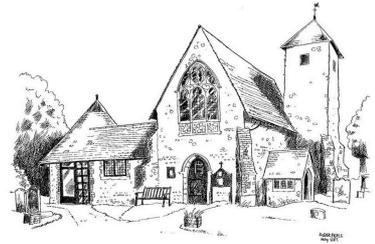


Parish Church of  
**St. Edmund King & Martyr**  
 West Kingsdown



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**Last Sunday's Harvest Thanksgiving**

Although different from celebrations in past years, we shared together, giving thanks for God's amazing abundance in our lives. It was good to hear rousing harvest hymns only sadden that we weren't able to join in with them. The church looked truly wonderful decked out with your very generous donations of produce. On Friday I delivered it to the Community Cupboard who were extremely grateful. Their post on Facebook read - St. Edmund King & Martyr Church West Kingsdown and West Kingsdown CE Primary School. 'Thank you to each and every one of you for such kindness and support.' If you have internet connection do look at the short video of our beautiful church decked out in all its harvest finery.

**Midweek Worship**

Each Wednesday starting on 21<sup>st</sup> October I will be opening the church and saying Morning Prayer at 9.30am, all are welcome to join me. It will of course adhere to all the COVID 19 guidance of 'Hands, Face, Space'. There will be no need to book just turn up.

**Home Communion**

This past week I really enjoyed catching up with Doris Healey and sharing Communion with her. I understand that for a number of you coming back to church at the moment isn't possible and I would be delighted to bring you communion at home. All has been risk assessed and I would wear a visor throughout. If you would like to receive communion at home please do phone me (852265) to sort out a convenient time.

**Morning Prayer Readings for the week**

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
11.10.20	138, 141	Isaiah 50:4-10	Luke 13:22-30
12.10.20	80, 82	2 Kings ch 5	Acts 26:1-23
13.10.20	87, 89:1-18	2 Kings 6:1-23	Acts 26:24-end
14.10.20	119:105-128	2 Kings 9:1-16	Acts 27:1-26
15.10.20	90, 92	2 Kings 9:17-end	Acts 27:27-end
16.10.20	88	2 Kings 12:1-19	Acts 28:1-16

17.10.20	96,97,100	2 Kings 17:1-23	Ac
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**St. Augustine's Theological College**

*(This is the college at which Rev Harriet is chaplain.)*

Throughout the rest of this academic year the college is running an on-line retreat programme that you might like to link into  
 Each retreat will be based on a weekly audio talk, accompanied by related prayer and reflection exercises.

To take part you will need to register using this link.

<https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/login>

The retreats are free; if you would like to make a donation towards the costs you can use this link. <https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/fundraising-at-st-augustines-college/tattersall-bursary-fund/>

**The October Retreat: Praying the Parables**

[4 sessions, beginning 18th October, led by Chris Chapman]

The Parables of Jesus reveal how we are always walking on holy ground, where the living word of God is being sown within our lives. Rather than define truth in a statement, parables invite us to explore what is true with open mind and heart, and then respond. Praying with Parables will explore 4 parables, both within their original context and for how they might speak to us now:

- The workers in the vineyard Matthew 20.1-16
- Building bigger barns Luke 12.13-21
- The woman who searches for her lost coin Luke 15.8-10
- The seed that grows unseen Mark 4.26-29

We will also explore how we can recognise and respond to the 'parables' within our own experience.

**West Kingsdown CE School Reception Class Open Days**

Do you know of any children that are due to start school in September 2021? Our church school will be holding open days at the following times Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2pm, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2pm and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am. For more information either phone the school office on 01474 853484 or view the school website [www.west-kingsdown.kent.sch.uk](http://www.west-kingsdown.kent.sch.uk)

**Lego Cards**

It's that time of year again when Sainsburys give away Lego Cards. If you are offered any and are not collecting them for anyone else Brian Collier would be very grateful to receive them for somebody whom he knows. Please give them directly to Brian.

**Fund Raising**

We intend to hold two Fund raising events before the end of this year, a Grand Christmas Draw and the Annual Christmas Tree Festival. More details to follow next week.

Have a good week  
**Every Blessing Rev Sarah**