

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



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**Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (30)**

Dear Friends

I know in last week's newsletter I thanked people for their cards, gifts and birthday wishes, of which there were many. I was extremely spoilt. However, I need to say another big thank you to you all for the beautiful roses and card that I received at the end of worship last Sunday. I know that perhaps many of you didn't know of the flowers being given, but they were bought and given on behalf of the churchwardens, PCC and congregation. I thought you might like to see a picture. They have come out beautifully and are still very fresh and vibrant. They have pride of place on the sitting room coffee table. Thank you so much.



**Pathway out of COVID**

On Monday we enter Step 3 of the roadmap out of COVID which means that we can begin to meet up indoors keeping to the Rule of 6 or two households. Also, indoor hospitality can once again open along with indoor entertainment and attractions, organised indoor sport and accommodation. We are slowly getting there, but there is still some way to go and because of the Indian variant, which appears to be spreading fairly quickly, Step 4 happening on 21<sup>st</sup> June is not guaranteed. We must continue to be vigilant and not try to rush things. I know it is frustrating, but it would be such a shame to undo all the hard work that has gone before.

From next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we will once again serve refreshments after the service, all carefully risk assessed. We will continue to aim for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June as being the Sunday of celebration, but I am not planning anything in detail until we have more news.

Some preparation for the scaled down **Summer Fayre** on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July is under way, **please see the attached flier.**

## **Prayer and Worship**

Today's service is once again being livestreamed via ZOOM thanks to Jenn Abel. Nest Sunday is **Pentecost**, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. Please remember to book your place by phoning Angela on 01474 852513 from tomorrow, Monday 17th May. I know it is very difficult and we should not have to book to come to worship and maybe that is putting some of you off as we have had a few spaces the past two weeks. Let's hope we won't have to continue to do this for very much longer. If you haven't yet felt able to come back to church, for whatever reason, it would be lovely to see you. I know that several people have spoken to me about the difficulty of getting to church, hopefully we will soon be able to offer people lifts once again.

## **Morning Prayer**

Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am on **Wednesday** and **Friday** mornings this week. The church will continue to be open on a Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm, for Private Prayer.

You only need to book for the Sunday Service.

## **Morning Prayer Readings**

Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
16.05.21	76	Isaiah 14:3-15	Revelation 14:1-13
17.05.21	93,96,97	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	1 John 2:18-end
18.05.21	98, 99, 100	Deuteronomy 31:14-29	1 John 3:1-10
19.05.21	2, 29	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14	1 John 3:11-end
20.05.21	24, 72	Deuteronomy 32:15-47	1 John 4:1-6
21.05.21	28, 30	Deuteronomy ch33	1 John 4:7-end
22.05.21	42, 43	Deuteronomy 32:48-end; ch 34	1 John ch 5



Thank you so much for all those that gave so generously. Sue Havercom from St. Bernadette's, who has been coordinating the collection in West Kingsdown, will let us know how much we collected as a church.

## **Reg Endres R.I.P.**

Reg passed away on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at the home of his daughter Jackie in Bromley. Until just before the beginning of the pandemic Reg was a regular member of our congregation. Driving from his home Swanley each week at the grand age of 93. Reg always had a smile on his face and a good story to tell. He

will be missed. His funeral will take place in church at 11.15am on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Sadly, there will only be room for his family in church as family bubbles will still need to keep socially distanced, but friends and members of the congregation may like to gather in the churchyard (weather permitting). He will then go to Eltham Crematorium for cremation. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Tomato Plants**



Ann Munro is once again growing tomato plants and she tells me they are doing really well. She doesn't put a set price on them but asks for donations for church. She says that if anyone in the church wants to be sure of getting what they want, the following are available:-

**Money maker.** The old faithful, medium sized fruit  
**Shirley.** A good outdoor as well as indoor. Medium size fruit.

**Gardener's Delight.** Small red. Usually a good cropper.

**Sun gold.** Small sweet orange tomatoes.  
All about 4 inches in height, 8 cms.

She will continue to care for them until we have better weather but anyone with a greenhouse can have them now. **Please contact Ann on 01474 852140**

### **Hymns Ancient & Modern**

A couple of weeks ago Angela & Mike, our churchwardens, and I spent a morning clearing out and tidying up the choir vestry. As part of that clear up we have over 100 Ancient & Modern Hymn Books that we no longer require. Sadly, the books are now out of date and haven't been used for a very long time, well before my time here and that's almost 7 years. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to store things no longer used. I have asked other churches if they would like them, and no one is interested. Many of the books were donated in memory of somebody. If you remember donating a book(s) and would like to claim it/them please contact me (852265 or revsarahcorry@gmail.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> May. Thank you.

### **1662 Book of Common Prayer**

During our clear out we also found some old copies of the Book of Common Prayer. If you would like one please help yourself from the table at the back of church.

### **Birthdays**



We wish a very **Happy Birthday** to our dear friend **Rosemary Griffiths**, who will be 91 tomorrow 17<sup>th</sup> May. Have a lovely day Rosemary.

## **Coronavirus Quilt Update**

Thank you to those who have already contributed squares for the quilt. So far 53 decorated squares (made by 10 people) have been received along with a number of plain squares, which will be interspersed between the decorated ones. The aim is for **100 decorated squares** and so **another 47 are needed**. So keep going and if you haven't made any yet why not give it a try. It's going to look amazing! As you finish any it would be helpful if you could either bring them to the Rectory, leave them in church when it is open, or phone me if you need them collected.

## **A Reminder**

### **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.

## **Also another reminder to send in your Lockdown photographs**

### **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](mailto: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.

Have a good week.

**Every Blessing Rev'd Sarah**