

Parish Church of
St. Edmund King & Martyr
West Kingsdown



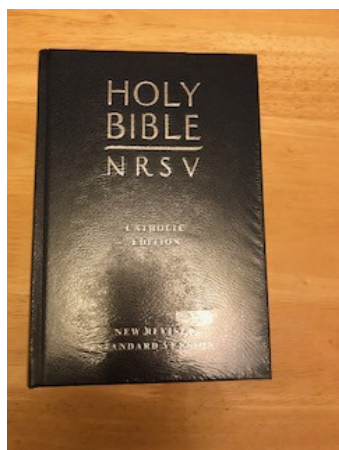
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Presentation of Bibles to Year 5

On Thursday a special service was held in school to present each pupil in year 5 with a Youth Bible, kindly donated by your generosity. The class chose the songs and Bible readings for the service and enjoyed taking part in a quiz based on facts from the Bible. Each child became engrossed in looking through their bible. Mrs Down, their class teacher, told me they spent quite sometime, once they had returned to class, finding stories they knew and also tidying their trays to find the perfect place to store them. For the next two years the bibles are kept in school to aid the children with their studies and in preparing worship. When they leave the school they take the Bible with them. The children said a great big Thank You to you all. I will be putting more pictures up at the back of church.



A present from Rev Harriet to us

This week I took delivery of 25 NRSV Bibles, a very generous gift from Rev Harriet to us all at St. Edmunds. The readings for almost all of our worship come from this version of the Bible and Rev Harriet wanted us to have enough copies to put one in each pew (that is once we are allowed to have books back in church).

I still hope that once things get better we will be able to invite Harriet back to say our farewells to her in person, when that will be I truly have no idea, lets hope maybe for late spring.

A gift from us to Rev Harriet

For three years Harriet was a very large part of our lives here in West Kingsdown and she gave so much to us all. It has always been our intention to have a collection for her to thank her for all that she shared with us, and I think that, rather than wait until we are able to invite her back we should start that collection now. If you would like to make a donation towards a 'leaving gift' for her please either do it by bank transfer into our church account (but do let Kim Johnstone, our treasurer, know that you have done so) or by cash or cheque (made payable to St. Edmunds PCC) and give it to me. Thank you in advance.

APCM

At our APCM last week Angela Beale and Mike Wesley were elected to serve as churchwardens, Pauline Jenner, Julie Mills and Lynda Harrison to serve as PCC members (Lynda taking on the role of PCC secretary) and Geraldine and David Mullen elected as Deanery Synod Representatives. My thanks to those who stood for election and to those that stood down after a number of years of dedicated service, Rosemary Gray, Jon Battershill, David Mullen and Pauline Jenner,(Pauline and David have taken on new roles within the PCC).

Midweek Worship

From this Wednesday, 21st 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 Joy Johnson 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
18.10.20	145, 146	Isaiah ch 55	Luke 1:1-4
19.10.20	98, 99, 101	2 Kings 17:24-end	Philippians 1:1-11
20.10.20	106	2 Kings 18:1-12	Philippians 1:12-end
21.10.20	110, 111, 112	2 Kings 18:13-end	Philippians 2:1-13
22.10.20	113, 115	2 Kings 19:1-19	Philippians 2:14-end
23.10.20	139	2 Kings 19:20-36	Philippians 3:1-4:1
24.10.20	120, 121,122	2 Kings ch 20	Philippians 4:2-end



Birthdays

This week we say a very **Happy Birthday** to **Blake Herbert** who will be 8 on Tuesday. Hope you have a wonderful birthday Blake.

I also would like to wish a very belated birthday to **Finley Powell** who celebrated his birthday on the 2nd October. So sorry I forgot to mention you in the Newsletter Finley. It was lovely receiving photos of you enjoying your celebrations.

Get Well Wishes

We send Get Well wishes to **Angie Barnes**, who I heard this week, is in hospital. Wishing you a speedy recovery Angie and hope to see you back at home before too long.

Brian Dethridge has also asked me to pass on his grateful thanks for the cards, telephone calls, good wishes and meals he has received following his hip replacement. I saw him and

Marion this week and he is doing very well. They both told me they couldn't wait to be able to come back to church

A new Curate for St. Edmund's

I am absolutely delighted to be able to share with you the wonderful news that in September 2021 we will be welcoming a new curate to St. Edmunds. Mandy Clampin is in her final year of ordination training at St. Augustine's College in West Malling (where Harriet is now Chaplain) and on completion of her course will be ordained deacon next September. Mandy will be with us full time. She will live in her own house in Stansted. Some of you will already know her as before she began her training she was the manager at Manordene Nursing Home here in the village.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Service

Due to the restrictions in place due to COVID 19 we will not be holding our normal memorial service on the first Sunday of November. I am hoping to put a short service together that will be recorded and put onto the website. I am working on it at the moment and let you know details next week.

Remembrance Sunday

Again because of restrictions there will not be the usual Remembrance Sunday Parade and service at the War Memorial. There will be a short Act of Remembrance and wreath laying but unfortunately it will not be an open public service.

And Finally!

I promised you last week more information on our **two fund raising events** please see the next two pages of this letter.

Have a good week

Every Blessing Rev Sarah