

THE

# KING



**MAY 2025**



**“...he left them and was taken up to heaven”**

*Luke 24 v51*

**The Parish magazine of St. Edmund the King, Northwood Hills**

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND THE KING

## NORTHWOOD HILLS

**VICAR** The Reverend Michael Miller (020) 8866 9230  
The Vicarage, 2 Pinner Road, Northwood HA6 1QS  
*e-mail* vicar@saintedmundschurch.org.uk

**LAY MINISTER** Miss Sarah Parnaby (020) 8866 8309

**SERVICES** Principal Service - Sung Eucharist at 10.00 am every Sunday  
Also streamed from our website  
Other Services - Said Eucharist  
7.15 pm Tuesdays, 6.00 pm Wednesdays,  
10.00 am Thursdays, 11.00 am Fridays, Saturdays 10.30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL at St. Edmund's Church  
Sundays at 10.00 am in the Hall during term time.  
Please contact Carol Diggins on 07827 159 586 for more information.

Arrangements for the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession),  
BAPTISMS, FUNERALS, WEDDINGS, and BANNINGS OF MARRIAGE -  
please telephone the Vicar.

### OFFICERS

Churchwardens Mr. Steve Castle 3a Willows Close, Pinner HA5 3SY (020) 8868 0482  
Mr. Isaac Odeyemi *e-mail* churchwardens@stedmundtheking.org.uk  
Hon. Secretary Mrs. Amanda Roberts *e-mail* secretary@stedmundtheking.org.uk  
Hon. Treasurer Mr. James Mair (020) 8428 1349  
Director of Music Mr. Mark Hammond 39b Carlton Avenue, Kenton HA3 8AX (020) 8909 2687  
Hall Bookings Mr. Steve Castle 3a Willows Close, Pinner HA5 3SY (020) 8868 0482  
Safeguarding Officer Ms. Frederica Pratley-Lovegrove 07981 327 678

### ORGANISATIONS

Flower Guild Mrs. Glenda Greenfield *e-mail* ggreenfield60@gmail.com 07850 581 551  
Women's Guild Mrs. Hilda Greenfield 01923 823 134  
Mrs. Connie Ambrose 01923 825 524  
Arrow Players Mr. Michael Warrick 07813 618 225  
Youth Group Mr. Steve Castle 3a Willows Close, Pinner HA5 3SY (020) 8868 0482  
Scout Group Mrs. Karen Retter 07984 662 588  
Brownies Nicola Setterfield *e-mail* brownies6northwood@yahoo.co.uk 07742 886 758

### MAGAZINE

Hon. Editor Mrs. Jenny Jones 19 Latimer Close, Pinner HA5 3RB (020) 8866 7173

### WEBSITE

[www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk](http://www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk)

### FACEBOOK

 St. Edmund's Church, Northwood Hills

## HOW TO RECEIVE THE MAGAZINE

This magazine is published online at [www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk](http://www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk) and can be printed on request.

If you know someone who does not have internet access and would like a printed copy of this magazine, please contact Steve Castle at [steven.castle@saintedmundschurch.org.uk](mailto:steven.castle@saintedmundschurch.org.uk) giving their name and postal address (having first obtained their permission to supply this personal information).

We publish a free weekly e-mail newsletter which contains links to the latest edition of this magazine and to The Orbit pew sheet.

You can subscribe to the weekly e-mail by completing the form at <https://tinyurl.com/subscribe-orbit> or by visiting [www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk](http://www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk) and clicking the “Subscribe” link underneath “Weekly Newsletter”.



### JUNE MAGAZINE

*All contributions for  
the June Magazine  
to be with Jenny Jones by*

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**020 8866 7173**

**[jonesjennye@googlemail.com](mailto:jonesjennye@googlemail.com)**

*The June Magazine  
will be available  
from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May*

## FR. MICHAEL'S LETTER

---

Dear Friends,

As Easter was late this year the whole of May falls within the season of Eastertide. May is a time of year when flowers bloom and the weather becomes warmer. There is a definite sense of renewal mirroring the resurrection hope of Easter. God's creativity and grace in the beauty of the creation all around us invites us to reflect on the new beginnings we are offered each day.

With the joy of Easter still fresh in our minds and hearts, May is an ideal time to think about how we can continue to live out the resurrection in our daily lives. It can be a time when we build on our Lenten practices and strengthen our relationship with God and one another. I hope we can be mindful of the ways in which we can serve our community and offer kindness and support to those around us.

May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus' mother. Her unwavering faith and devotion provide us with a model of humility and grace. I hope as we honour Mary during May we can ask for her intercession and work to emulate her virtues in our own lives. I pray that her example will inspire us all to deepen our relationship with God and those around us.

These are difficult times in our world, with conflicts it seems in so many places as well as financial issues nearer to home. There never was a time when we needed to be a more prayerful community, and I would encourage you all to hold these situations in your prayers.

One of the most pressing issues of our time is the state of our environment. The natural world, which God has entrusted to us, is crying out for care and attention. Climate change, deforestation, pollution, and the loss of biodiversity are but a few of the critical problems we must address. I was privileged to attend a presentation by Year 6 pupils at Pinner Wood School a few weeks ago on these very subjects and was impressed at the knowledge and enthusiasm they showed in their talks. As stewards of creation, we are all called to protect and preserve the earth for future generations. It has been encouraging to see the work of our Eco Church team over the last months and it is wonderful how everyone has responded to it particularly in regard to our recycling station. As a church we have already been awarded a Bronze Eco Church Award and the team are working towards the Silver award. I do hope we can all support them as much as possible.

With love and prayers

*Fr. Michael*

# CALENDAR AND PRINCIPAL SERVICE READINGS MAY 2025

**Principal Service** - Sung Eucharist at 10.00 am every Sunday

- 1 Thur **St. Philip and St. James, Apostles**  
Isaiah 30.15-21, Ephesians 1.3-10, John 14.1-4
- 4 SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Acts 9.1-6, Revelation 5.11-end, John 21.1-19  
11.15 am Bring and Buy Sale
- 8, 9, 10 7.30 pm Arrow Players Play - "As Time Ghosts By"
- 11 SUN 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Acts 9.36-end, Revelation 7.9-end, John 10.22-30
- 13 Tues 2.30 pm Women's Guild
- 14 Wed **St. Matthias, Apostle**  
Acts 1.15-26, 1 Corinthians 4.1-7, John 15.9-17
- 17 Sat 10.30 am PLANT SALE
- 18 SUN 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Acts 11.1-18, Revelation 21.1-6, John 13.31-35
- 25 SUN 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Acts 16.9-15, Revelation 21.10,22-22.5, John 14.23-29
- 29 THUR ASCENSION DAY**  
Said Eucharist at 10 am, Sung Eucharist at 7 pm  
Acts 1.4-11, Ephesians 1.15-23, Luke 24.44-53
- 31 Sat **The Visit of the Blessèd Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**  
Zephaniah 3.14-18, Romans 12.9-16, Luke 1.38-56

## OTHER DIARY DATES

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Beating the Bounds
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Film Evening and Supper
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	The Day of Pentecost
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity Sunday
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Corpus Christi (Celebrated on Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Summer Fair
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	7 pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service



**BRING - AND - BUY  
SALE**

**1st SUNDAY OF  
EACH MONTH**

**11.15am IN THE HALL**

Part of our Eco Church Project

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**at St Edmund's Church**

**For more information  
call Carol 07827 159 586**

**St. EDMUND'S WOMEN'S GUILD**

The next meeting will be  
at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May,  
for a Quiz and Raffle  
followed by refreshments.

All are welcome.

**St. EDMUND'S YOUTH GROUP**

meets usually every 2 weeks  
on Wednesdays during term time;  
7.30 - 9 pm, in the Hall. Open to all aged 10-16.

Contact Steve Castle on 020 8868 0482 for information.

See [www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk/youthgroup](http://www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk/youthgroup)  
for details and dates



## RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

I would like to start by offering my profound thanks to those who have made, or are considering making, personal donations to Raise the Roof.

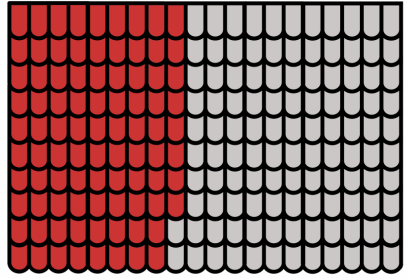
As a result of such donations I can report that our total has climbed another £5,000 since my last article.

Our fundraising events continue apace with the Bring and Buy Sales continuing to do marvellous business – thank you to all of the team working hard to sort, display and sell the wonderful array of items available in the Hall after Church on the first Sunday of each month.

As you can see here, our roof tiles are continuing to be coloured in as we edge towards our target.

Our next major fundraising events are  
the Plant Sale 10.30 am – 12 noon  
on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May,  
and the Summer Fair 11.30 am – 2 pm on  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Please pop them in your diary!



**£88,000 raised    £112,000 to raise**

### **Personal Donations: An Appeal**

If, after prayerful thought and consideration, you feel able to make a personal donation towards the Hall and Lady Chapel roof replacement, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donations may be made in several ways:

- by bank transfer to our account with CAF Bank (preferred method, as we receive the whole amount with no fees taken):
  - account name: PCC of St. Edmund The King, Northwood Hills
  - sort code: 40-52-40
  - account number: 00017222
  - optional reference “Raise the Roof”
- by online donation via credit or debit card or PayPal by clicking the “Donate here” button on our website: [www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk](http://www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk)
- by cheque, made payable to PCC of St. Edmund The King (with “Raise the Roof” written on the reverse, please). Cheques may be sent to The Treasurer, St. Edmund’s Church, 2 Pinner Road, Northwood. HA6 1QS.

Once again may I, on behalf of all at St. Edmund’s, offer my sincere thanks to those who have made donations. Your gifts are truly appreciated. Please continue to keep this appeal for the continued safe use of our Hall and Lady Chapel in your prayers.

With my best wishes, Steve Castle

Greetings for Eastertide and Ascension!

We experienced a Magical Mothering Sunday (March 30<sup>th</sup>)! The cheering sunlight, the column of bright flowers, the rose-pink apparel, the abundance of children, now that we have the 6<sup>th</sup> Northwood Brownies along with our Scouts and Beavers. It felt somehow as if we'd gone back in time, to a brighter and more community-based world.

Fr. Michael performed some magic as well: in the homily slot, a young scout had to choose a card, labelled with the name of a chocolate from a box of 'Heroes' (- as that's what most of our mothers are!) and to take all the chocolates of that kind (which were Wispas) from the box. Mysteriously, there weren't any! Ostensibly, Fr. M had 'guessed' which card the boy would take, and had already put all the Wispas aside for him ... magic! Fr. Michael said that mothers can be magic, too, and reflect God's love in caring for us. That love was demonstrated in our Gospel where Jesus, while suffering on the cross, created a new 'family' by giving His mother Mary into John's hands, for their mutual support. We were reminded that we are made for relationships, and that we were there to give thanks, not just for our birth-mothers, but for all those who had shown us support and kindness in our lives.

Our Intercessions were prompted by powerful visual images representing the Church, the State, climate problems, wars and other issues that urgently need prayer. After the Mass, the flowers were distributed. There was a great atmosphere in the Hall afterwards, with newcomers and children joining us for refreshments. Thanks to all who planned this service.

The Women's Guild meeting took place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, when Steve Castle spoke about his trip to India and Nepal. Travelling with Simon Wilson, this Asian adventure started in Delhi, where the pair were introduced to the noise and chaos of Indian roads, and the precarious nature of some of their aircon machinery! Sightseeing included the Red Fort - a huge, stunning example of Mughal architecture - and the emperor's private palace, the Khas Mahal, with its octagonal tower overlooking an area where animal fights used to take place for entertainment.

That evening, our dynamic duo were embarrassed to find themselves in a women's-only carriage on the metro! The next day, they walked from the Parliament buildings along the Raj Path to India Gate: a memorial to Indian soldiers killed in wars. Emperor Humayan's tomb was the next stop - completed in 1572, a fine building in the Persian style, surrounded by beautiful gardens.

Meeting up with their tour group, they spent the evening visiting a Gurdwara (temple) where they partook of Sikh hospitality - and the next day they boarded the minibus for Jaipur, stopping on the way to visit a community where marginalised women are taught block-printing: everyone had a go!

On arriving in Jaipur (The Pink City) after visiting a jewellery shop and a textile factory, they proceeded to a wonderful place resembling 'the Best Exotic Marigold



Hotel', where they were to stay. In Jaipur they had rickshaw and bike rides, (not to mention a session of 'Laughing Yoga'(?)) - and experienced morning prayer in a temple. Then to the Palace of the Winds, and the massive Amber Fort with its amazing mirrored mosaics. They also attended a Bollywood film at the superlative Raj Mandir Cinema - and had a shot at some Bollywood dancing later!

The following day, they visited a monkey temple; then they were off to Agra to see the sublime Taj Mahal, the beauty of which far exceeded their expectations.

Their next stop was Orcha where they visited a 16<sup>th</sup> Century temple to Vishnu, then a cows' rescue centre and a cooking school. Thence they took an overnight train to the sacred city of Varanasi on the River Ganges, where the dying are brought, in the hope of achieving *moksha* - -breaking free of the cycle of reincarnation. The visit included the Islamic Quarter, home to many weavers.

Next was Sarnath, the 'birthplace of Buddhism', from where they headed for the Nepal border, where they had to put their watches forward 15 minutes, as Nepal time is just that little bit different! At Lumbini, they entered the Maya Devi temple where the Buddha was born; then, after a rather scary journey on difficult roads they arrived at Chitwan National Park, where they stayed in charming huts, and viewed such creatures as rhino, peacocks and a rare clouded leopard, as well as taking a boat ride on a crocodile-inhabited lake.

After crossing an alarming-looking suspension bridge, they went on to the lovely mountain village of Bandipur, and then into Pokhara, to a beautiful Peace Pagoda and a huge shrine to Shiva. They also visited some stunning underground caves, and managed to celebrate Divali that night as well! A quick flight on *Buddha Air* to Katmandu led to a tour of temples and stupas (sacred memorials), where they enjoyed watching monkeys being fed. Then they crossed the River Bagmati into Patan, also known as Lalitpur, the 'City of Art'.

For the next part of the adventure, Steve and Simon were on their own. They flew to Kolkata where they enjoyed the colourful market streets and the preparations for a festival, where mud statues were being made as offerings. They also saw the impressive bridge spanning the Ganges, the Queen Victoria Memorial and St. Paul's Cathedral, and finished the day with a boat trip on the Hooghly River.

Then they flew to Bagdogra and went up in the mountains to Darjeeling, where the views were stunning, and the air cooler. They progressed to the Himalayan Mountain Institute, where the great Sherpa Tenzing is laid to rest, and then to the Zoological Park where the highlight was seeing the red pandas. A tea factory was an essential visit, as was a ride on the Mountain Railway, before they finally headed homeward.

I really don't know how they managed to pack so much into their trip of a lifetime. Steve's presentation was vivid, amusing, thoughtful and informative. His description of India's assault on all the senses, the delicious food and drink he enjoyed and his delight in the people he met added to our own pleasure. Furthermore, his reminder to us of the poverty and fragility of life in other parts of the world was a salutary one. Thank you so much, Steve, and thank you, ladies, for the customarily splendid tea afterwards.

And so to Passiontide. After an All-Age Service on Passion Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, when we focused on Mary's extravagant gift of perfume to anoint Jesus' feet - how much are we willing to give to God? - we began Holy Week on a spring-like Palm Sunday with our traditional procession from the Hall, along the street and into the church, singing with gusto and waving palms, but probably making little impression on the world as it drove by. But maybe that wasn't the point: we were in spirit escorting our Lord into Jerusalem in the final week of His life on earth.

We participated in a dramatised reading from Luke's Gospel, telling of Jesus' last days, and revealing the political anxiety around Jesus' trial, as well as the tragic outcome. It felt like a theatrical setting, with the palms in the background, making it particularly involving. Fr. Michael's sermon described how Jesus was feeling after the excitement of Palm Sunday; grieving, apprehensive and wondering whether he was and would be forgotten. We were urged not to forget Jesus this week, but to journey with Him to the Cross, and beyond.

Archdeacon Catherine was accompanying us on our journey that week: during Holy Week she talked to us about characters mentioned in the Gospel readings. On Monday it was Mary and Martha, who had very different ways of expressing their devotion to Jesus; while valuing our worship, God accepts us all, whatever our differences. On Tuesday she spoke of Philip and Andrew, who were approached by some Greeks who wanted to see Jesus for themselves. Why did they approach these two disciples? Perhaps because they were ordinary: sometimes it is our humanity and ordinariness that attracts people to God.

Wednesday brought Judas and Peter, and how important it was to be able to accept God's forgiveness, however bad our sins; and on Maundy Thursday we were given the wonderful message that at the Last Supper Christ gave His disciples the gift of each other, something essential for their difficult road ahead - and something equally essential for us, as we continue in His service. On Good Friday I was moved by the Ven. Catherine's depiction of God as one who has fully embraced the human condition and so understands all we go through, however lengthy or painful.

After a glorious candle-lit Vigil on Holy Saturday, Easter arrived. There were a lot of less familiar faces at morning Mass, when Fr. Michael confidently set out a lot of convincing evidence for the Resurrection in his very positive sermon. After the service, with uplifted hearts (and tired singing voices!) we headed for coffee and happy chat with friends old and new.

Many thanks to Archdeacon Catherine, to Fr. Michael and his team who created a memorable Passiontide and Easter period of worship, and to all who worked hard beautifying the church and grounds, and preparing and performing fitting music for the services.

Things to look forward to in May include Arrow Players' comedy "As Time Ghosts By", on the 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, our Plant Sale on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Ascension Day is on the 29<sup>th</sup>, with services at 10 am and 7 pm. Details of these are elsewhere in this issue.

Enjoy this lovely month!

# 6<sup>th</sup> NORTHWOOD BROWNIES

Shannon Jones

6<sup>th</sup> Northwood Brownies have had a busy first term at St. Edmund's Hall and firstly we want to extend our thanks to everybody involved in allowing us to use this space for our meetings.

We have loved using the hall to play games such as the "Shiny Teeth" game and a snakes and ladders type game, where we learned all about profits and pitfalls! We have also loved using the garden for other activities, and were able to learn all about the Planetary Parade when the planets were visible to us. Well done to one of our Brownies, who was able to teach the whole group about this!

We have been focussing on the "Communicate" skills builder of the "Express yourself" theme, focusing on different ways to communicate effectively by playing games such as "Who Am I?", where our Young Leaders had to identify who was talking just based on their voices.

We also enjoyed using the kitchen to make pizzas and have ice cream, thanks to our Young Leader Poppie and the money she won from winning a "Jack Petchey" award. Also with this money we took an outing to "Rock Up," in Watford, showing how brave we are by scaling walls and even jumping from the top of them!

We finished the term with a meeting full of Easter crafts, making pop-up Easter cards and new life decorations, finishing with an Easter Egg Hunt in the garden. Djuna enjoyed meeting everybody at the Church Parade on 30<sup>th</sup> March, and hopefully will spread the word to the rest of the group to ensure a higher turn out next time!



# 1<sup>st</sup> MAY; MAY DAY; ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES

*Adapted from material supplied by [www.parishpump.co.uk](http://www.parishpump.co.uk)*

---

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to 'all sorts'! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth - May is named after her. The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: 'for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?'

Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, with archery, vaulting, wrestling, and evening bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day, and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of Charles II's reign was 'the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England', according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at many villages across Britain.

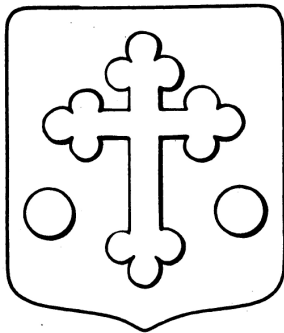
May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and - since 1833 - Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is partly why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers, and has become a public holiday.

There has never been a Christian content to May Day itself, but nevertheless there is the well-known 6am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn.

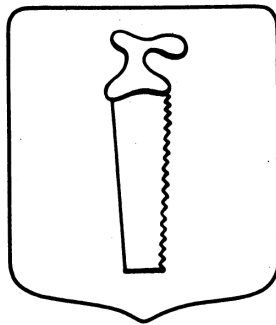
But, more importantly for us, the 1<sup>st</sup> of May is the feast day of St. Philip and St. James the Less, two of the 12 Apostles.

**St. Philip** came from Bethsaida and was a disciple of Jesus from early on. He knew how to lead others to Jesus; he brought Nathanael (or Bartholomew) to Him in a calm, kindly way. He knew how to do some financial forecasting: at the feeding of the 5,000 it was he who pointed out that without divine help, even 200 pennyworth of bread wasn't going to feed that crowd. He was the one whom the Greeks approached when they wanted to ask Jesus to show them the Father, but didn't quite have the nerve to approach Jesus directly. People had confidence in Philip's spirituality, common sense and kindness. In art, the Apostle Philip has been represented either with a cross, or with loaves of bread.

**St. James the Less**, son of Alphaeus, is often, but not certainly identified as the James whose mother stood by Christ on the cross, and also as the James, 'the brother of the Lord' (Matthew 13.55; Mark 6.3), who saw the risen Christ. He is also often called the first Bishop of Jerusalem, and he is also sometimes identified as the author of the Epistle of James. Other than all that, very little known about James. His emblem is either a fuller's club, or a saw; tradition has it that he was beaten to death with a club, then his body sawn to bits, after being sentenced by the Sanhedrin in AD 62.



Emblems :                      St. Philip



St. James the Less

---

## ST. EDMUND'S ANNUAL GARDENING DAY

Early on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April, the grounds surrounding the church were alive to the sounds of lawn mowing, clipping, digging and sweeping as 20 or so volunteers armed with every assortment of gardening implements tackled the weeds and vegetation that had taken over during the past year. The more adventurous took to the roofs to clear the gutters, whilst others worked on a major pruning operation on the Arbutus tree in the Garden of Remembrance, and on trimming holly bushes, leaving some with visible facial marks from their efforts the following day!

It was particularly pleasing to see several Scouts, Leaders and parents participating - whose stamina and strength was much appreciated - and we welcomed our new Brownie Leader (and her Mum!).

Our grateful thanks go to Arrow Players for sponsoring and organising this important event and as always, a huge round of applause to Mandy, who master-minded the catering, providing constant supplies of teas, coffees and hot cross buns throughout the day in addition to a very enjoyable lunch.

Despite all the hard work and aching backs, it was a very enjoyable and happy day, helped by glorious spring sunshine, resulting in beautifully manicured grounds in preparation for the great Palm Sunday procession the following day.

Thank you, everyone.

Marjorie Pimm

# REV. MICHAEL BELHAM R.I.P.

Mike Godden

It is with sadness that we mark the death of Michael Belham on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, aged 101. Michael, with his wife Pamela, was a long-standing and highly respected member of our congregation until the end of the 1960s. He sang in the Choir, served on the PCC, and was a Churchwarden from 1960-1965. He then trained for the priesthood, being made Deacon in 1967 and ordained Priest the following year.

He served as Assistant Priest at St. Edmund's from 1967 to 1969, then Assistant Curate of St. Mary's, Hendon (1969-73); Vicar of Holy Trinity, Tottenham (1973-78); Vicar of St John's, Hillingdon (1978-85); Priest-in-Charge of Broughton, near Banbury (1985); Rector of Broughton with North Newington and Shutford (1985-2000); and was Chaplain to Horton General Hospital in Banbury (1985-90).

An engineer by education and profession, Michael was closely involved with the project to build our permanent Church in the early 1960s. One outstanding achievement was the construction of the large cupboard in the Sacred Store to house the Altar frontals - a masterpiece of woodworking. And he donated one of the occupants of the cupboard, the Gold/White frontal used during the Easter and Christmas seasons - and the matching Cope. Michael was also closely involved in the production of a video compiled (since DVD-ed) of the building of the Church, which he narrated.

Michael maintained some contact with St. Edmund's - he was Guest of Honour at our Patronal Festival in 1974 and 1989, and paid a number of informal visits over the years.

His funeral was on 25<sup>th</sup> April, at St. Thomas' Church in Wells, Somerset, where he had spent his retirement.

---

## ASCENSION DAY - 40 DAYS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection.

St. Luke concludes his Gospel thus : "Then Jesus had led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple, praising God."

This year we celebrate the Ascension  
on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
with a Eucharists at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.



# ST. EDMUND'S SUMMER FAIR

11.30 am - 2 pm  
SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE

TOMBOLA

SIDESHOWS  
games for all ages

PLANTS

TOYS

BOOKS

Ice Creams

LUNCHES

CAKES

Bric a Brac

barbecue

Grand Draw

AND LOADS MORE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH, Pinner Road Northwood, HA6 1QS





ARROW PLAYERS  
present

*A spirited comedy*

# As Time Ghosts

By

By Mike Warrick

**Thursday 8th, Friday 9th  
& Saturday 10th May 2025  
at 7.30 pm**

**Tickets £12**

**[www.arrowplayers.org.uk/tickets](http://www.arrowplayers.org.uk/tickets)**

**St Edmund's Hall, Pinner Road,  
Northwood Hills, HA6 1QS**



**NODA**  
For every stage



31<sup>st</sup> May is the Festival of the Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. At the Annunciation, the Angel Gabriel told Mary that her relative Elizabeth was also with child - the child who was to become John the Baptist. Mary recounted to Elizabeth all that the Angel had said; Elizabeth praised Mary for her faith; Mary responded with the Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-55), which we now call the Magnificat, and which forms a part of many Services, especially Evening Prayer. This month's hymn is a most appropriately majestic setting of the Magnificat.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore!

The text of the hymn was written in 1961 by Timothy Dudley-Smith, who was born in Manchester on Boxing Day in 1926, was educated at Tonbridge School and Pembroke College, Cambridge, then trained for the priesthood at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. He was ordained in 1950, since when he held various posts in the Church of England, including Archdeacon of Norwich (1973-1981), and Bishop of Thetford in the Diocese of Norwich from 1981. After retiring in 1992, he served as an Honorary Assistant Bishop at Salisbury Cathedral, and lived in the village of Ford, just outside Salisbury. He was awarded the OBE in 2003 in recognition of his prolific hymn-writing. He subsequently moved to Cambridge, where he died in August 2024.

Dudley-Smith set the hymn to the tune "Woodlands", which was written in 1916 by Walter Greatorex. The hymn and the tune are perfectly matched.

Greatorax (1877-1949) began his musical education as a chorister at King's College, Cambridge; he received his university music training at St. John's College, Cambridge. He served as assistant music master at Uppingham School in Rutland (1900-1910), and was director of music at Gresham's School, Holt, Norfolk from 1911 until his retirement in 1949.



Tell out, my soul, the great-ness\_ of the Lord!



ST. EDMUND'S

# PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 17 MAY

10.30 AM - 12 NOON

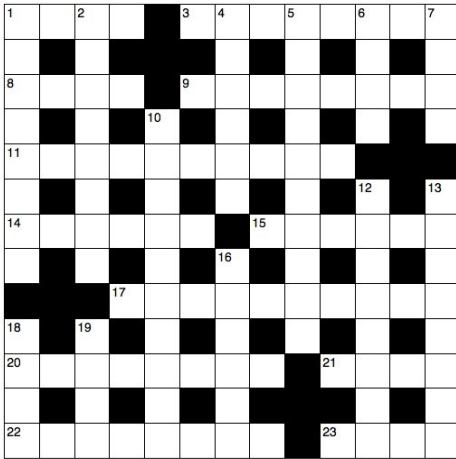
TOP QUALITY PLANTS

PERENNIALS

BEDDING PLANTS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

## MAY CROSSWORD



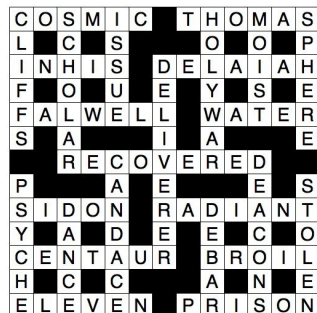
### ACROSS

1. Infant (*Luke 2.12*) (4)
3. Luis must (anag.) (8)
8. What Jesus called the devil (*John 8.44*) (4)
9. 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (*Matthew 27.46*) (8)
11. Anglican form of church government (10)
14. 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (*Isaiah 40.31*) (6)
15. Ministers of religion (6)
17. Make stronger (*1 Thessalonians 3.13*) (10)
20. Devoutness (*1 Timothy 2.2*) (8)
21. The father of Jesse (*Ruth 4.22*) (4)
22. Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (*John 5.2*) (8)
23. '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (*Mark 14.34*) (4)

### DOWN

1. Follower of Christ (*Acts 16.1*) (8)
2. One of the punishments endured by Paul (*2 Corinthians 6.5*) (8)
4. Soldiers (*Exodus 14.9*) (6)
5. Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
6. 'I am God, and there is none — me' (*Isaiah 46.9*) (4)
7. 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (*Romans 10.15*) (4)
10. Favourable reception (*1 Timothy 1.15*) (10)
12. Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
13. End of life (*Isaiah 22.14*) (5,3)
16. 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (*Acts 27.27*) (6)
18. He married Jezebel (*1 Kings 16.30-31*) (4)
19. 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (*Psalms 51.1*) (4)

## April Crossword Solution



*The Church of St. Edmund the King has been serving  
the Parish of Northwood Hills since 1934.*

*The Parish is in the Harrow Deanery of  
the Willesden Episcopal Area of the Diocese of London*



*Edmund was the devout young King of the East Angles,  
martyred by the Danes for his allegiance to Christ  
in the year 869 when he was 29 years old.  
The crown and arrows of the church crest  
symbolise his Kingship and Martyrdom.*

