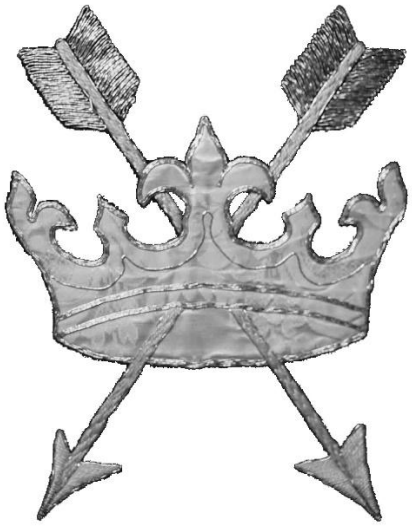
The Parish Church
of
St Edmund the King
Northwood Hills



Sung Eucharist
for the
Feast of
St Edmund, King and Martyr

3pm Sunday 15th November 2026



Welcome to today's Eucharist
as we celebrate our Patronal Festival.

Born in about the year 840,
Edmund was nominated as a King while still a boy.
He was crowned King of Norfolk in 855
and of Suffolk the following year.

As King he won the hearts of his subjects by his care of the poor
and his steady suppression of wrong doing.
When attacked by the Danes,
he refused to give over his kingdom
or to renounce his faith in Christ.
He was tied to a tree, shot with arrows,
and finally beheaded, on this day in the year 869.

Today we give thanks for his life,
ask for his prayers for us and for our Parish,
and joyfully celebrate our life together in this place;
praying that we may become more perfectly
the people God would have us be,
ready to be the sign of his presence in our community.

Please stand when the bell rings for the entry of the Procession.

We sing

God of saints, we praise and bless Thee;
Ever hallowed be Thy name.
Let Thy mighty grace sustain us,
And Thy love our hearts inflame.
As the faithful Edmund served Thee,
Giving all for Christ his King;
So may we, by self-surrender,
Honour to our Saviour bring.

Edmund loved the name of Jesus,
Even from his tender years,
Every labour, longing, struggle,
Mark that his devotion bears.
Rather than deny his master
As a martyr would he die;
In the awful hour of torment
'Jesus' was his heartfelt cry.

Only few are called by Jesus
For his sake great things to do,
But whatever task he sends us,
We must to our Lord be true.
He will show us by his Spirit
How we are to do his will,
And has promised grace to aid us
His good purpose to fulfil.

Father, grant us grace to follow
Christ the life, the truth, the way,
Pilgrims to that heavenly city
Where he reigns in endless day
Where the saints in glory radiant
Ever worship and adore
Love's bright Majesty transcendent
Through the ages evermore.

The Greeting

In the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **and also with you.**

Invitation to Confession

Facing a hail of abuse and confronted by violence,
Edmund refused to renounce his allegiance to his heavenly King, but steadily witnessed to Christ - in his death as in his life. He was faithful to death, and now dwells in the heavenly Kingdom for ever.
We give thanks for Edmund today, and rejoice in his patronage
as we ask for God's blessing on our life and witness
in this Church and Parish.
As we celebrate Edmund's joy, let us bring to the Lord
our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed, through negligence,
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

We all sing

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

The priest tells us we are forgiven

May God our Father forgive you your sins and bring you
to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

All **Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo**
Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All **Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo...**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer**.**

All **Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo..**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All **Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo**

Collect

Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose servant Edmund kept faith to the end,
both with you and with his people, and glorified you by his death:
grant us such steadfastness of faith that, with the noble army of martyrs, we may come to enjoy the fullness of the resurrection life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *please be seated*

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs
Loyalty and faithfulness preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by righteousness. The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. All deeds are right in the sight of the doer, but the Lord weighs the heart. To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. Haughty eyes and a proud heart - the lamp of the wicked - are sin. The violence of the wicked will sweep them away, because they refuse to do what is just.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *from Psalm 126*

The choir sings the response and we then all sing it together and at the end of every verse.



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
Then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy. **R/**

Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced.
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert. **R/**

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
Will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them. **R/**

New Testament Reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn *please stand*

1 For all your saints still active,
For those whose work is done
For saints with you in glory
Whose earthly race is run.
You rose as King and Sovereign,
That they the crown might wear,
Reserved for those who humbly
Your earthly pathway share

2 Apostles, prophets martyrs
Who served you here on earth
Now reign with you in heaven
Singing your praise and worth.
With them, and all who witness
Is known to you alone,
Now share our earthly journey
Towards your heavenly throne.

3 For Edmund King and Martyr
We praise you Lord, and bless
He stood to challenge evil
And your great name confess.
Like him may we be willing
Your Lordship to proclaim
That, faced with opposition,
We may uphold your name

4 We praise you God our Father
We worship Christ, your Son,
We glorify your Spirit
Forever three, yet one.
On earth we see you dimly,
In heaven face to face;
And then with all who served you
We'll praise you, God of grace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessèd apostles sing praise; prophets and martyrs give glory;
For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus answered them, " Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon: *Father Tommy Merry*
Vicar of St Paul's Ruislip Manor

The Creed *please stand*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

(All bow)
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day
he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen

Intercessions *please kneel*

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace *please stand*

We are fellow citizens with the saints
and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
We exchange a sign of peace with those around us.

Preparation Of The Gifts

We sing

1 God, whose city's sure foundation
Stands upon his holy hill,
By his mighty inspiration
Chose of old and chooseth still
Men of every race and nation
His good pleasure to fulfill.

2 Here in England through the ages,
While the Christian years went by,
Saints, confessors, martyrs, sages,
Strong to live and strong to die,
Wrote their names upon the pages
Of God's blessèd company.

3 Some there were like lamps of learning
Shining in a faithless night,
Some on fire with love, and burning
With a flaming zeal for right,
Some by simple goodness turning
Souls from darkness unto light.

4 As we now with high thanksgiving
Their triumphant names record,
Grant that we, like the, believing
In the promise of thy word,
May, like them, in all good living
Praise and magnify the Lord.

Pray my brothers and sisters that this our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,**
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.

Lord, may the gifts we bring,
like the blood shed by King Edmund,
ever make fruitful for your Church
the land over which he reigned.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts**.**
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
(Hosanna, Hosanna) Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
(Hosanna, Hosanna) Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

As the Eucharistic Prayer continues we recall the death and resurrection of Christ, and offer our prayer to the Father.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology

Priest Through him with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit
All Glory and honour is yours Almighty Father
For ever and ever
All **Amen**
We lift our hearts and voices to you as we sing AMEN
So shall it be for ever AMEN
AMEN
We lift our hearts and voices to you as we sing
AMEN
So shall it be for ever AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed

Giving of Communion

Members of all Christian Churches who normally receive communion in their own Church are invited to come forward to receive communion, those who have not been admitted to Holy Communion please also come forward for a blessing. Communion is offered in both kinds but you are free to receive in one kind only. If you do not wish to receive in both kinds please <u>do not dip</u> the Host into the wine

As the host or chalice is given the minister says

The body of Christ The blood of Christ

*to which we say **Amen** before we receive.*

During the distribution the choir sing the anthem

Communion Hymn

1 Jesus my Lord, my God my all
How can I love thee as I ought
And how revere this wondrous gift
So far surpassing hope or thought
Sweet Sacrament we thee adore
O make us love thee more and more

2 Had I but Mary's loving heart
To love thee my dearest King
O with what bursts of fervent praise
Thy goodness Jesus would I sing
Sweet Sacrament we thee adore
O make us love thee more and more

3 O see upon the altar placed
The victim of divinest love
Let all the earth below adore
And join the choirs of heaven above
Sweet Sacrament we thee adore
O make us love thee more and more

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, may we follow the example of King Edmund,
who did not turn away from his worship and true love for you.
We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us**
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Commemoration of Past Worshippers

We stand to give thanks for those who have worshipped
in this church before us, and who are now at rest.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,

All **and no torment will ever touch them.**

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died;

All **but they are at peace.**

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you in this place and are now at rest, may at last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Procession to the Statue of St Edmund

Let us proceed in peace.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen**

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Station at the Statue of St Edmund

When the procession reaches the statue the hymn pauses, and this responsory is used.

Lord, you witness to your truth in the lives of the saints:

All **all your saints praise you, O Lord.**

You have made us to be a kingdom
and priests serving our God:

All **all your saints praise you, O Lord.**

You stir us to seek the mysteries of the kingdom:

All **all your saints praise you, O Lord.**

You lead us to the eternal assembly of the saints:

All **all your saints praise you, O Lord.**

Sovereign God, who called St. Edmund to be a ruler among his people and give him grace to be their servant: help us, following our Saviour Jesus Christ in the path of humble service, to see his kingdom set forward on earth and to enjoy its fullness in heaven; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Parish Prayer

All **O Eternal Father,**
help us to build up the Church in this parish,
to the glory of your Name, in honour of St. Edmund,
and for the hope and inspiration of all your people.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The hymn continues

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

May God, who kindled the fire of his love
in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

All **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God**