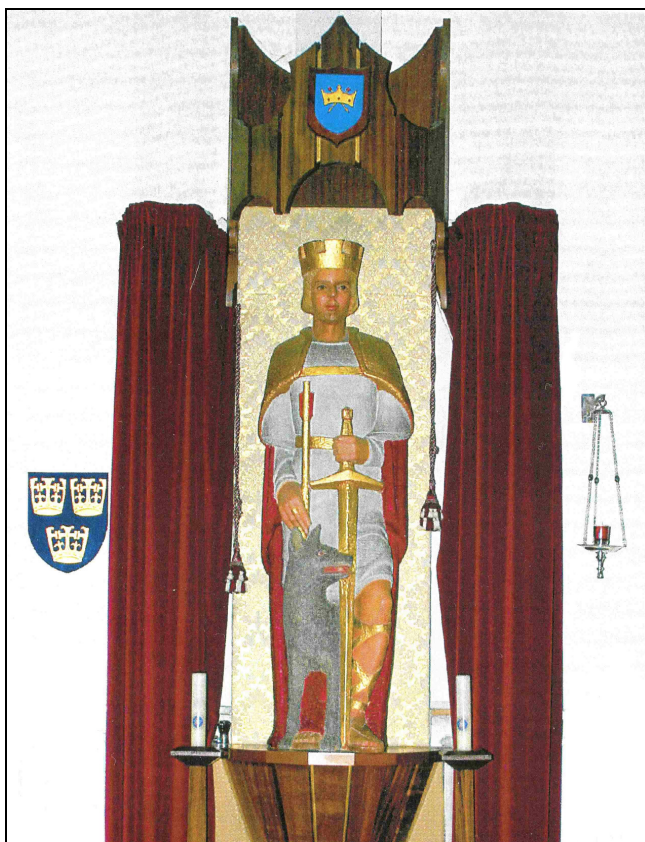


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FR. MICHAEL'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As November draws us towards the close of the Church's year, we enter what is often called Kingdom Season. The darker days and the turning of the seasons invite us to look beyond what is passing and to place our hope afresh in the reign of Christ: a kingdom of justice, mercy, peace and truth.

The readings during Kingdom Season help us explore what God's reign means. They draw our attention to the communion of saints, the call to faithful and holy living, God's justice and judgement, and the Christian hope of resurrection and eternal life. As the season reaches its fulfilment in the Feast of Christ the King, we are reminded that Jesus is Lord and that his loving rule embraces the whole of creation.

Kingdom Season is not simply about looking forward to heaven. It asks how the values of God's kingdom may take root among us here and now. Whenever we welcome the stranger, stand alongside those who are struggling, forgive one another, or offer our time and gifts in service, we bear witness to the kingship of Christ - not through power or prestige, but through love.

This month we also celebrate St. Edmund's Day - our Patronal Festival with a Festival Sung Eucharist on Sunday 15th November at 3.00 pm, followed by afternoon tea. Edmund, remembered as king and martyr, points us towards a faithful kind of leadership: steadfast in conviction, courageous in adversity and rooted in service. Patronal Festivals are a joyful opportunity to give thanks for the life of our church, for all who have worshipped and served here before us, and for everyone who shares in its witness today. I do hope we will all be there.

As we gather for this year's Patronal Festival, I hope we will do so with both gratitude and expectation. We give thanks for the friendships, prayer, care and practical service that sustain our parish; and we ask God to show us how we may continue to serve our neighbours with imagination and generosity. Like St. Edmund, may we have the courage to remain faithful when the way is difficult and the humility to remember that all we do is offered for God's glory.

In November we will also keep Remembrance Sunday on 8th November and the commemoration of the faithful departed on All Souls' Day, Monday 2nd November. As well as the Sung Parish Eucharist which includes an Act of Remembrance at 10 am on Sunday 8th November there will be a memorial service at 3.30 pm, at which we pray for departed friends and family. Amid memories of sacrifice and loss, the promise of Christ's kingdom assures us that darkness and death do not have the final word. Our hope rests in the One who makes all things new.

May this season renew our trust in Christ the King and deepen our commitment to live as citizens of his kingdom. I look forward to celebrating our Patronal Festival with you.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Michael

CALENDAR AND PRINCIPAL SERVICE READINGS NOVEMBER 2026

Principal Service - Sung Eucharist at 10.00 am every Sunday

- 1 SUN

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Revelation 7.9-end, 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12

12.15 pm

Bring and Buy Sale
- 2 Mon

All Souls' Day - Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

7.00 pm

Requiem Said Eucharist
- 8 SUN

3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT; REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18, Matthew 25.1-13

3.30 pm

Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Romans 8.31-39, John 14.1-3
- 10 Tues

2.30 pm

Women's Guild
- 15 SUN

2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Zephaniah 1.7,12-end, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

NOTE - There is NO 10 am Service today

ST. EDMUND THE KING PATRONAL FESTIVAL

3.00 pm

Sung Eucharist, followed by Afternoon Tea

Proverbs 20.28, 21.1-4,7, Romans 8.35-39, John 12.24-26
- 20 FRI

St. Edmund's Day
- 22 SUN

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT; CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24, Ephesians 1.15-end, Matthew 25.31-end
- 28 Sat

11.30 am

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
- 29 SUN

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-end
- 30 Mon

St. Andrew, Apostle

Isaiah 52.7-10, Romans 10.12-18, Matthew 4.18-22

OTHER DIARY DATES

- Sunday 20th December

6.30 pm

Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols
- Thursday 24th December

4.00 pm

Christmas Eve

11.00 pm

Blessing of the Crib

Midnight Mass
- Friday 25th December

10.00 am

Christmas Day

Eucharist
- Thursday 31st December

5.30 pm

New Year's Eve Devotion & Benediction
- Sunday 3rd January

The Epiphany
- Saturday 9th - Saturday 16th January

St. Edmund's Pantomime

"Mary Had a Little Lamb"



ST. EDMUND THE KING PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 15th November

3.00 pm Sung Eucharist
followed by
Afternoon Tea, in the Hall

A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

3.30 pm Sunday 8th November

This Service, in Church on Remembrance Sunday
is an opportunity to remember our loved ones,
especially those who have died recently.

The service will be followed by refreshments

EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOMED



BRING - AND - BUY SALE

**1st SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

11.15am IN THE HALL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL



at St Edmund's Church

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call Carol 07827 159 586**

St. EDMUND'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The next 2 meetings will be

TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER at 2.30 pm

A Talk by Lorraine Singh - "The Real Jamaica"

Followed by refreshments

TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER at 2.30 pm

Peter Heath will lead us in a Carol Concert

Followed by a Festive Tea

PRAYERS FOR REMEMBRANCE

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son,
the King of all: govern the hearts of those in authority
and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew and whose memories we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

O God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion upon the anguish of the world
and, by thy healing power, make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Father, you know our hearts and share our sorrows.
We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved:
when we are angry at the loss we have sustained,
when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear,
turn our grief to truer living,
our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

The PCC had our first meeting after the long hot summer. For various reasons we were unable to meet in September; however rest assured there was plenty for us to be getting on with. I'm sure you will remember the church ceiling tiles and the sectioning off a part of the church. Thankfully Steve and Isaac took swift action and expedited the repairs.

We have also learnt that after 11 years of faithful service, James Mair will be stepping down at the end of this financial year, March 2027, as Treasurer to the PCC. Being Treasurer is more than entering numbers on a balance sheet, it's being at the forefront of PCC decision making and an integral member of parish life. Thankfully he will be around to support the transition to the new Treasurer and will continue to support our parish events. Terry Diggins is also stepping down, as Stewardship Recorder, after a number of years. This is a role that is very much behind the scenes however another vital cog in the work of the PCC. In support of these changes we are working towards registering with Parish Giving for those wanting to regularly give instead of our current process. Parish Giving has been around for quite some time and is just the method for giving. Rather than paying directly to St. Edmund's, which involves layers of administration, primarily performed by the Stewardship Recorder, giving will go via Parish Giving. There's no transaction fee; all funds plus GiftAid is returned to St. Edmund's. Look out for further information.

We had our Financial and Fabric Reports, which even more than usual were very much interlinked with the number of recent expenses for repairs, replacements and Quinquennial Inspection costs. Whilst the ceiling tile repair was very visible, there have been a number of other works carried out that are not so obvious, water leaks, boilers, radiators, plumbing, storage roofing, garden maintenance, and the PCC would like to thank Mandy, Mike and Andy for their support. Fortunately, there were no surprises with the Quinquennial Inspection; however it was a stark reminder of the work we still need to carry out. Raise The Roof Fundraising is now even more important as we look forward to repairing and renovating both the church roof and hall roof.

Eco Church has put together their Environmental Policy to help steer St. Edmund's towards their Eco Church Silver Award and in support of the Church of England's Carbon Net Zero 2030 Mission. The majority of the policy is putting all the things that we are already doing in writing and advising Church and Hall users of our environmental expectations. Renovations to the Vicarage have been made with this in mind. Additionally, Fr. Michael is looking to open the church as a warm space during the winter months in support of fuel poverty and the isolation that the colder months often give rise to.

We also had a Safeguarding input and video to encourage us to consider safeguarding culture for awareness regarding survivors and the support that is on offer including Safer Spaces. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Lorraine and Fr. Michael facilitated a discussion on our strengths and weaknesses as a parish, with PCC members sharing their experiences of being part of the St. Edmund's community, what made them come, what made them stay and what they appreciate about our church. We agreed

that we are welcoming, however, never to be complacent, we will continue to strive to evolve in line with safeguarding developments and being a welcoming safe place for all.

Looking ahead, “Raise the Roof” fund raising continues with the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 28th November. We are also reviewing our Christmas Giving to Sure Start and how their evolving donation requirements fit with our method of giving.

With James and Terry looking ahead to retirement, we at St. Edmund's are looking to fill these vacancies. If you feel this is something you are qualified for and would be able to undertake please speak to Fr. Michael who will be able to advise you.

Thanks as always for the support you give to the PCC.



2nd NORTHWOOD (ST. EDMUND'S) SCOUT GROUP

All sections of the Scout Group have returned enthusiastically after the summer holidays. They have made the most of the lingering summer weather, with District Activity Days and a joint Cub and Scout camp, alongside their busy weekly programmes.

The Scouts began with a District water activity day at Bury Lake, Rickmansworth, enjoying kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding and canoeing. They then joined the Cubs for a camp at Walter Davies Site near Gerrards Cross. The Scouts hiked and slept in hammocks, while the Cubs learnt traditional camping skills: pitching tents, cooking over fires, collecting wood and water, and learning about orienteering and OS maps. There was also time for rounders, cricket and tree climbing.

The Beavers have enjoyed junk modelling and designing and making machines. They have also planned visits to Paccar and a fire station.

The Cubs began the term with a local knowledge hike and attended the joint Scout and Cub camp. They plan to visit the District Activity Day at Phasels Wood for laser tag and a wide range of exciting activities and challenges.

Squirrels, our youngest section, are having a lot of fun listening to stories, taking part in craft activities, cooking, building dens and gaining badges. We do however need more volunteers for this section, which meets on Tuesdays during term time from 5 pm in St. Edmund's Hall. Do please email amanda.roberts@renscouts.org.uk for more information.

Marjorie Pimm

RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

Dear Friends



A massive “thank you” to everyone involved or taking part in October’s Arrow Players Quiz, held in aid of Raise the Roof. What a fun evening it was, with a provisional profit of just over £800!

Our next fund raising event is the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 28th November; please do put this date in your diary and let all your friends, neighbours and country cousins know about it.

Personal Donations: An Appeal

We can only close our fund raising gap through a combination of prayer, collective fund raising events, grants and personal donations.

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
 - 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
- 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.

Thank you for considering a donation
and my sincere thanks to those who have already donated so generously.

With my best wishes Steve Castle



Greetings to you all: I can't believe how close we are to the end of the year, and the beginning of the Church's year! It was a pleasure to have Fr. Simon Cuff of St. Mary-le-Bow presiding at the Eucharist on Sunday 20th September, in Fr. Michael's absence. The Gospel was about the labourers in the vineyard who, although hired later in the day, received the same pay as those who'd started earlier. We were urged not to resent those who come later to salvation on the same terms as the rest of us, but to be thankful and enthusiastic to be part of that membership. Fr. Cuff is always great company, but sadly he had to dash off to take a service for the Pearly Kings and Queens!

I was fortunate to be invited to the Marriage of Isaac and Joyce's daughter, Gloria (whom I taught), to Abatunde Adelekan, on Saturday 26th September. It was a truly wonderful event, taking place at One, Marylebone Road, a beautiful former church built in the early 19th Century by Sir John Soane. It was a prayerful occasion, with Christian songs and anthems (including Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth') sung by a fine quartet of Gospel-style singers called the Keynotes Choir. The Bible reading was from 1 Corinthians 13, and the Celebrant skilfully told the tale of Gloria and Tunde's lives and how they met. There was also a moving 'Wedding Poem' by Whitney Hanson. Gloria looked radiant in white, and the groom and the families, like many of the guests, were in traditional African costume. The bridesmaids were in burgundy - other young guests were in all colours of the rainbow - and I recognised a number of faces among them, as Gloria had kept so many of her old schoolmates, owing to her popularity and her constancy towards her friends.

After the ceremony we adjourned to the galleries for cocktails while the area was set up for the Wedding Breakfast - a varied and delectable spread of dishes, some Nigerian, some British. The atmosphere was friendly and convivial, and we'd all received generous party-gifts from the bride and groom. Amongst other speeches, light-hearted quizzes and music, we heard Isaac's moving and eloquent tribute to his daughter. Many thanks, Isaac and Joyce, for including me in this memorable experience. I wish the young couple every happiness in the future.

Concerts at St. Edmund's Marjorie Pimm writes:

St. Edmund's Autumn Music season began in fine style, with three concerts in just two weeks. We were delighted to welcome a new orchestra, Mysticus Sinfonia, who, together with their chorus, performed Debussy's *La Mer* and Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé*. Before each piece was played in full, the conductor and members of the orchestra gave live demonstrations and explained how the music works. I was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative evening, and we look forward to welcoming them back in the new year.

This was followed by the ever-popular Harrow Concert Band, who took us on a Musical Journey through Life with, as always, Classic favourites for all the family. Their next concert in December will be their Christmas extravaganza – not to be missed.

Trinity Orchestra, under the exuberant baton of Rebecca Miller, mesmerised us with a superb interpretation of the following programme: 'Lamia' by Dorothy Howell, Adrian Sutton's Violin Concerto and Dvořák's Symphony No. 8 in G major. The soloist in the Violin Concerto was the outstandingly talented Fenella Humphreys. The evening's performance could only be described as sublime.

Coming up: Trinity orchestra returns on 21st November with a programme including works by Bridge, Saint-Saëns and Elgar. (I can't wait!--Sarah.)

On Sunday 4th October we celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving - at which we were glad to welcome the Uniformed Organisations, including the Squirrels proudly presenting their new flag. We heartily sang harvest hymns as we admired the beautiful arrangements of flowers and fruit and the display of donated groceries in the sanctuary.

The particular theme of the service was generosity. Fr. Michael illustrated this in his sermon by asking the young people to distribute biscuits to the congregation: there were (deliberately) not enough, so we were encouraged to break our biscuits to share with other people, demonstrating how we should be ready to share what we had with others, especially those in need, as God was so generous with us. Fr. Michael said we need to begin with gratitude and then turn it into action - thus making Christian love both visible and effective.

Our intercessions were inspired by images on-screen, prompting us to pray for the Church, the world, our communities, those in need and those who are no longer with us. After Communion the choir sang the Harvest-tide anthem 'Thou Visitest the Earth' by Maurice Greene (words from Psalm 65 and the Book of Common Prayer.)

After the service, we partook in a celebratory Harvest Lunch, for which members of the congregation had provided a selection of scrumptious dishes. It was a joyful meal, and we are grateful to all who contributed and who helped to serve and clear up. Thanks also for the donations both in money and groceries for the Watford New Hope charity.

On Saturday 10th October, St. Edmund's Choir participated in the Deanery Choirs' Festival, held this year at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill. The service was in the form of Evensong, and was in memory of their former Musical Director, Tim Smith. We were proud to have Mark as the Festival Organist. Our introit was the gentle, contemplative 'View me, Lord' by Richard Lloyd. The setting for the canticles was Stanford in A, with its joyous dance-like Magnificat and lyrical Nunc Dimittis. Our anthem was 'And I saw a new Heaven' by Edgar Bainton - a moving piece with words from the Book of Revelation. Hymns included 'How shall I sing that majesty', 'Let all the world in every corner sing', Psalm 23 and 'Love divine', and we ended with John Rutter's 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You'. The singing was directed serenely by the talented young Izzy Mohan, St. Mary's current Director of Music, and the Vicar, the Rev. James Mosher, conducted the proceedings. We were delighted to see some St. Edmund's faces in the congregation!

On Tuesday 13th October, the Women's Guild meeting featured Mark Hammond presenting his 'Desert Island Discs'. Mark had an interesting and varied selection of music, from Bach to Gilbert O' Sullivan, from Rachmaninov to Queen.

Included were some heavenly choral items performed by some of his choirs over the years - including the one at Christchurch Priory, where you could hear him and Frank singing among the trebles!

It was interesting to hear about Mark's early life near the South Coast, and about all the musical influences that started from when he was very young, and which grew and developed over the years. We also learnt about his time teaching at St. Margaret's School, Bushey, where he met his wife Aline - and also Nora Wood, our former Director of Music, who drew him into St. Edmund's musical life, culminating in his becoming our organist in 2000.

Mark was happy to talk about his son Alex, who tragically died last year after an epileptic seizure. Mark and Aline were very much comforted by Alex's funeral and the tributes from so many of his friends, and were deeply grateful for all the support they received from people both at church and at school.

Mark did not think he would cope at all well on a desert island, but with the help of his chosen book 'Watership Down' and a solar organ (with the complete organ works of Bach) as his luxury item, he might just survive! We allowed him to have a 'bonus' piece of music, in keeping with this choice: he selected a stunning recording of himself playing Bach's dramatic Toccata in D Minor at a concert in Northwood. I am sure if he plays it on his desert island, it will have a huge effect on the local wildlife! It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, followed by the usual luscious tea: many thanks for everyone's contribution.

On Saturday 17th October, the 'Raise the Roof' Quiz Evening took place. It was well-attended and very good fun. We enjoyed the food - a variety of tasty Ploughman's, followed by some delicious desserts. The questions were challenging but possible; as our table didn't do well on certain rounds, we were amazed to find that by the end, we had won! Our team included Mark, Aline, Frank, Jeni (the new choir-member) and myself, plus our friend and supporter Jean Marks and two of *her* friends, Cicely and Pam: they all had some knowledge to offer. I think everyone, not just the winners, had an enjoyable evening. (The Arrow Players' table was particularly unrestrained!) Even the dog and the baby who were present seemed to have fun! Thank you so much, Arrow Players, and in particular Glenda Greenfield for the questions, Mike and Laura Warrick for running the quiz, and the catering team, Glenda again, Claire Moses and Jenny Sakal. Thanks, Terry Diggins, for the sound, and Fr. Michael for dealing with the raffle. Forgive me if I've left anyone out.

November, the month when we remember, begins on Sunday 1st with All Saints' Day (also All-Age!) followed by All Souls' Day with a Requiem Eucharist on Monday 2nd. We remember the War dead on Sunday 8th - Remembrance Sunday, and our Memorial Service at 3.30pm that day is for our loved ones who have died more recently. Then on Sunday 15th at 3pm we remember our Patron, St. Edmund, with a special Sung Eucharist, followed by tea. (NO morning service that day)

And don't forget the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 28th November. Yes, Christmas is alarmingly close: Advent starts on Sunday 29th November!

A busy and holy month, both solemn and joyful: let's make the most of it!



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



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER

11.30 am - 2 pm Admission Free

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"Raise the Roof" Project



HYMN OF THE MONTH

Mike Godden

There are lots of fine hymns for occasions in November - All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance, St. Edmundtide, Christ the King; but this year the Season of Advent starts in November, so to follow the Advent theme of preparation for the joy to come, we sing ...

Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!

Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,

And with the treasures of His grace,
Enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And Heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

The text of the hymn was written in 1735 by Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). He was born in London, educated at the Grammar School in Kingston-upon-Thames, then at an academy for Non-Conformist Ministers in Leicestershire. He then served for some 20 years as a Minister in Northampton, and inaugurated a new training Academy, where he taught most of the subjects himself. Due to increasing ill-health, he moved to Lisbon, where he died. He wrote some four hundred hymn texts, generally to accompany his sermons, which were published posthumously in 1755 in "Hymns, Founded on Various Texts in the Holy Scriptures".

The tune usually used for the hymn is "Bristol", composed by Thomas Ravenscroft (c. 1582-1633), and published in 1621 in his "Whole Booke of Psalmes". There is some uncertainty about much of his life, but he appears to have been born in Sussex, was a chorister at Chichester Cathedral and St. Paul's Cathedral, graduated in music from Cambridge c.1605, and was a music master at Christ's Hospital School (at the time in London, now at Horsham) from 1618 to 1622. He was a prolific composer and collector of Psalm settings, and of secular popular ("folk") music.



FROM THE ARCHIVES - NOVEMBER

20th - 28th Nov 1936 - The first St. Edmund's Patronal Festival was held; Services took place on Friday 20th, and on Sunday 22nd, when the guest and preacher was the Rt. Rev'd. Guy Vernon Smith, Bishop of Willesden. A Parish party followed on Wednesday 25th, and a Children's Party on Saturday 28th.

Nov 1950 - Fr. Ronald Arthur, Priest-in-charge, moved into St. Edmund's House (41 Pinner Hill Road), which had been bequeathed to the church by Miss Hill, a member of the congregation. The house was the Vicarage for the next 32 years.

20th Nov 1964 - The first Patronal Festival in the 'new Church' took place, beginning with a Sung Eucharist and ending with the Patronal Festival Supper. The Provost of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral, the Very Rev. John Waddington, and his wife were guests.

20th Nov 1976 - The Guest of Honour at the Patronal Festival was The Bishop of London, The Rt. Rev. Gerald Ellison.

3rd Nov 1978. - Prebendary Ronald Arthur died on 3rd November. He had been Priest-in-Charge at St. Edmund's from 1945-1952 and Vicar from 1952-1953. He founded the 2nd Northwood (St. Edmund's) Scout Troop, and chose the colours for the scarf - red for St. Edmund, and blue for Our Lady.

Nov 1994 - Rev. Anne Burden (a former worshipper at St. Edmund's) was licensed as Team Vicar in the Basingstoke Team Ministry - her first incumbency, having been Deacon then Curate at John Keble Church, Mill Hill.

Nov 1995 - The St. Edmund's Scouts started a Beaver Colony for boys aged between 6-8 years. It met from 10.0-11.00 am every Saturday morning.

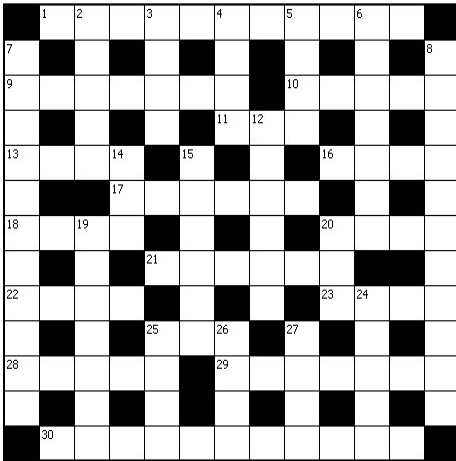
Nov 1996 - The St. Edmund's Girl Guides started a Rainbows Group for girls from 5-7 years.

30th Nov 1997 - (1st Sunday of Advent) The Revised Common Lectionary started to be used for all Bible Readings at St. Edmund's.

30th Nov 1999 - The Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land departed, led by Fr. Bruce.

7th Nov 2004 - Classic Concerts at St. Edmund's celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a piano recital by Vivien Banfield of music by Schubert and Schumann.

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all — Lord of all —, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
9. Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you — your fellow Hebrew?' (*Exodus 2.13*) (7)
10. Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline — (2,3)
11. 'At even — the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)
13. A descendant of Gad (*Numbers 26.16*) (4)
16. 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but — for the gift my Father promised' (*Acts 1.4*) (4)
17. Clambers (*Jeremiah 48.44*) (6)
18. Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must — God rather than men!' (*Acts 5.29*) (4)
20. Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, — Eareckson Tada (4)
21. Bird partial to other birds' nests (6)
22. 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat — —' (*Matthew 13.2*) (2,2)
23. Infectious tropical disease (4)
25. Tree (3)

28. 'No fear of me should — you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (*Job 33.7*) (5)
29. For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
30. Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

DOWN

2. 'O Jerusalem ... how — I have longed to gather your children together' (*Matthew 23.37*) (5)
3. Way out (4)
4. Exhort (*Romans 12.1*) (4)
5. Done (anag.) (4)
6. Highest of the 4 choir voice-parts (7)
7. Concerning the study of God (11)
8. Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
12. Admonish (*Matthew 16.22*) (6)
14. Frozen (3)
15. Established form of religious ceremony (6)
19. Inscription found on gravestones (7)
20. See 1 Across
24. Behaved (*Joshua 7.1*) (5)
25. Time (anag.) (4)
26. Lists choice of meals (4)
27. 'For the wages of sin is death, but the — of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (*Romans 6.23*) (4)

October Crossword Solution



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

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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.*

