

THE

KING



MARCH 2022



Ash Wednesday

2nd March

**Eucharist at
10am and 8pm**

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Also streamed from our website
Other Services - Said Eucharist
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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.
Please contact Carol Diggins on 07827 159 586 for more information.

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MAGAZINE

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WELCOME

to the online edition of this magazine.

In the current circumstances, we are publishing on our website so that you don't miss out on the regular monthly issue.

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 giving their name and postal address (having first obtained their permission to supply this personal information).

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by e-mail you can subscribe by completing the form at <https://tinyurl.com/subscribe-orbit> or by visiting www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk and clicking the "Subscribe" link underneath "Weekly Newsletter".

All Services continue to be celebrated with a congregation inside Church. In addition, the 10 am Sunday Sung Eucharist is available online - see www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk for details.

Congregational singing has been reintroduced on Sundays, and refreshments are now available in the Hall afterwards (table service).

The wearing of masks is strongly recommended unless you are exempt, to protect others and show caring.

In order to reduce the risk of virus transmission some doors and windows remain open during the service.

You are advised to wrap up warm if the weather is cold.

Communion continues to be given in one kind only.

The Peace is shared non-physically.

The Offertory Procession remains suspended, but collection plates are available near the Font.

MOTHER HELEN'S LETTER

It's March and Lent is upon us! Starting on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, it is one of the Church's two main penitential seasons, culminating in Holy Week and our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day. As Christians, we need to reflect each year on how we are going to observe Lent. There are three main areas of observance: fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

Fasting is a tricky one and I wonder if we give it serious thought when we say "I'm giving up chocolate (for example) for Lent". What purpose this serve apart from mild feelings of deprivation? In what way does this bring me closer to God? I could put aside the money I would have spent on chocolate, and it can form part of my charitable giving. Chocolate may be a trivial example but we are living through a climate crisis so we could opt for a plant-based diet during Lent. This would be a gesture of solidarity with people in less fortunate circumstances. Countries which have been disproportionately affected by climate change may no longer be able to grow crops and rely on overseas aid.

Jesus fasted in the wilderness where he was tempted by the Devil to turn stones into bread (Matthew Chapter 4). In our attempts to fast we are trying to identify with Jesus in his experience and to acquire a spirit of discipline as we forego something which is habitual to us but which we can do without.

Almsgiving or charitable giving is an important part of Lenten observance. At St. Edmund's we are encouraged to give to this years' Diocesan appeal (mental health charities) and our chosen overseas charity (East African Playgrounds).

Prayer can be interpreted broadly, I would suggest. Spending more time with God and deepening our relationship with Him in ways that are helpful to us. We could enrich our relationship with God by attending one of the mid-week Eucharists, for example, together with our private devotions. There is also our Lent study course, which will take place on Thursday evenings. This year we will be following a discipleship course called "The Way". It will be an opportunity to learn more about our faith and to share our experiences with others.

For some of us reading at home may be the best way to spend more time reflecting on God and our calling to follow his Son. One of the Gospels or Acts of the Apostles would be good choices from the New Testament. Alternatively, we could look for a book to read on a Christian book website (or go to a bookshop!).

Two books have caught my attention. The Archbishop of Canterbury's book for Lent 2022 is "Embracing Justice" by Isabelle Hamley. She uses scripture and other sources to explore this topic and its practical implications for our discipleship. The other book is by Paula Gooder, who is a theologian and reader in the Church of England. Her latest book "Women of Holy Week" is the story of Holy Week through the eyes of nine fictional women as they accompany Jesus through the events of Holy Week through to the Ascension. Her writing is based on biblical scholarship.

These are a few ideas for your prayerful consideration. I hope you may find one or two of them helpful. Whatever you feel you can do this Lent for God; God will meet you where you are.

Wishing you all a holy and blessed Lent.

CALENDAR AND PRINCIPAL SERVICE READINGS MARCH 2022

Principal Service - Sung Eucharist at 10.00 am every Sunday

2 WED ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of Lent

8.00 pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Joel 2.1-2,12-17, 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10, John 8.1-11

6 SUN 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13

8 Tues 2.30 pm Women's Guild

13 SUN 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18, Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-end

20 SUN 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 55.1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9

27 SUN 4th SUNDAY OF LENT; MOTHERING SUNDAY

Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25b-27

WEEKDAY SERVICES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.00 am	Sunday School
Monday	5.00 pm	Beaver Scouts
	6.30 pm	Cub Scouts
	7.00 pm	Guides
Tuesday	7.15 pm	SAID EUCHARIST
	6.15 pm	Brownies
	7.00 pm	Scouts
Wednesday	6.00 pm	SAID EUCHARIST
Thursday	10.00 am	SAID EUCHARIST
Friday	11.00 am	SAID EUCHARIST
	8.00 pm	Arrow Players
Saturday	10.30 am	SAID EUCHARIST

St. EDMUND'S YOUTH GROUP

meets every 2 weeks on Wednesdays, 7-9pm in the Hall.

Open to all aged 10-16.

Contact Steve Castle on 020 8868 0482 for information.

March dates - 9th and 23rd

See www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk/youthgroup for details



APRIL MAGAZINE

*All contributions for
the April Magazine
to be with Jenny Jones by
Friday 18th March
020 8866 7173*

St. EDMUND'S WOMEN'S GUILD

**Will meet on Tuesday 8th March
at 2.30 pm in the Lounge
for a talk by Clare Moses on her time in Midwifery
Followed by refreshments
All are welcome.**

See page 15 for details of the Guild programme for 2022



**BRING - AND - BUY
SALE**

**1st SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

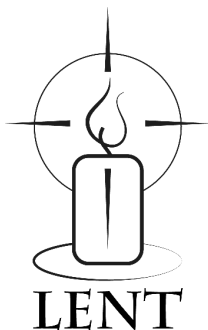
11.15am IN THE HALL

Part of our Eco Church Project

ST. EDMUND THE KING
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be held at approx. 11.30 am,
following the 10 am Sung Eucharist
on Sunday 3rd April, in the Hall

Elections of Churchwardens and PCC members
Financial Report
Reports from Church Organisations

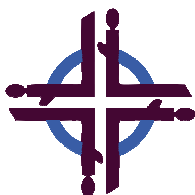


"THE LONG ROAD TO HEAVEN"

Based on the film "The Way"

This Year's Lent Course starts on
Thursday 10th March
at 8.00 pm, on Zoom
(joining details in the weekly newsletter)

It continues on each
of the following 4 Thursdays



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year St. Matthew's RC Church,
Hallowell Road, Northwood is hosting the local service,
on Friday 4th March at 2.30 pm
All are welcome.

The service - "I Know the Plans I Have for You" - has been prepared by the
World Day of Prayer Committee of England, Wales & Northern Ireland.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall



I am pleased to report that January was another astoundingly good month of fundraising with generous donations being received via our “Donate” button on the church website and a whopping £1,000 from Arrow Players as a result of Mike Warrick’s very successful play: Now You See It, No You Don’t. We also received generous donations in memory of Anne Mitchell, Geoff Pond and Bernadette Rogers. Alongside these and other cash donations, our 4th quarter Gift Aid claim from HMRC was received, with the Raise the Roof portion totalling almost £1,700. Thank you, Mr. Sunak!

This means over £4,000 was raised in January. In addition, after looking at the provisional end of year accounts, the PCC resolved to transfer an additional £10,000 from the General Fund to Raise the Roof. This, combined with a slight adjustment for the predicted Diocesan Grant, means our total raised is now £123,000 with £7,000 remaining. We hope to hear from the Diocese very soon regarding our grant application and I will let you know when we have their decision.



In the meantime, fundraising continues. The Building and Fundraising Committee has put together an exciting programme of events for this year - details are shown later in this article. May I thank you once again for your continuing prayers and generosity.

Just a reminder that we are updating the fundraising totals at the end of each calendar month and announcing the amount raised at the end of the 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month during Parish Notices. Again, please accept my apologies that the total in this magazine will be a few weeks behind the actual situation but please continue to be assured that all donations are counted and greatly appreciated.

If you have not already made a donation but would like to do so, it would be very welcome. Donations can be made in several ways:

- 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.
- by bank transfer to our account with CAF Bank:
 - account name: PCC of St. Edmund The King, Northwood Hills
 - sort code: 40-52-40
 - account number: 00017222
- by online donation via credit or debit card or PayPal by clicking the “Donate here” button on our website: www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk

Thank you.

Dates for your Diary: Fundraising Events in aid of Raise The Roof

The profits from the fundraising events below will be given to the “Raise The Roof” appeal. The Building and Fundraising PCC Sub-committee is planning the following events to be held in 2022:

6th March for 10 weeks: Bonus Ball Game

1st Sunday of each month 11.15am: Bring-and-Buy Sale

Saturday 14th May: Plant Sale

Thursday 2nd June: Fish and Chips and Royal Film Evening

Pentecost Sunday 5th June: Platinum Jubilee Lunch

Saturday 18th June: Summer Fair

Saturday 2nd July: Bingo Evening

Saturday 24th September: Book Sale and Eco Fair

Saturday 15th October: Quiz Evening

Saturday 26th November: Christmas Bazaar

Friday 9th – Saturday 18th December: Christmas Tree Festival

Please put these events in your diary and thank you in advance for your support.

Please let me know if you have any new fundraising ideas, would like to organise an event, have any requests for revival of previously-held events, or would like to join the committee.

More information

If you would like to know more about the appeal please contact me on 020 8868 0482 or e-mail steven.castle@saintedmundschurch.org.uk I am also the acting Stewardship Recorder and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about making donations.

And finally...

We are so close to our phase 1 target. Please continue to keep the Raise the Roof appeal in your prayers, giving thanks for the continuing progress being made and praying that our 2022 fundraising events will be successful, enjoyable and that we, in being a part of these public events, may help St. Edmund's shine as a beacon of light to the people of our Parish.

With my best wishes, Steve

SUNDAY SCHOOL



at St Edmund's Church

The group meets during term time from 10-11.15am. We spend time together in church and then children, and parents if they wish, can join with experienced leaders in the hall where we help children understand the Christian message through craft, games and drama. If you would like to join in or know more please contact Carol on 07827 159 586

Adults are requested
to wear masks



LENT GIVING 2022

As usual, this year's Lent Giving will be divided between a charity providing services to people in our country and an overseas charity.

THE DIOCESE OF LONDON LENT APPEAL 2022 is called Cultivating Compassionate Communities. It will focus on raising awareness around issues of mental health and wellbeing for adults and young people, along with domestic abuse. It will raise money to support three partner charities who are all offering resources and bespoke training to churches as they work to achieve this. They are ...

Renew Wellbeing

Renew spaces are simple cafe style spaces run by local churches where hobbies and activities are shared or co-produced. Each cafe space is attached to a quiet room or prayer space where inner habits of wellbeing are shared. Each church partners with a mental health professional.

Restored UK

A network of churches standing against domestic abuse, shining a light in the darkness, providing a place of safety for survivors

Be Headstrong (Part of Youthscape)

Supporting young people and those who come alongside them in their social, emotional and spiritual development

For the **OVERSEAS CHARITY** it was felt that it would be appropriate to select a charity with links to Uganda and children in memory of Bernadette Rogers, who died in December. With this in mind, the PCC have chosen Play Action International.

Play Action International was founded in 2009 as East African Playgrounds, which remains the name of its sister organisation in Uganda. The charity takes a child-centred approach to education and uses the power of play to transform the lives of vulnerable children in East Africa through specialised play programmes. These are implemented in refugee settlements, hospitals and community schools.

They run programmes that include training for play-based teaching to help a child's development. The scheme hopes to help the community to engage in play with children at home, whilst also providing outdoor play spaces. Each project utilises local materials to construct high-quality, safe and fun playgrounds. The East African Playgrounds programme is proven to make for happier children, reduce anti-social behaviour, improve developmental skills, including social, physical, cognitive and emotional, and better school attendance as well as class concentration and boost problem solving skills. Already the charity has built more than 200 playgrounds and reached more than 300,000 vulnerable children.

They also run apprenticeships. Working in partnership with SALVE International, they provide former street-connected children with the life-changing opportunity to undertake an intensive apprenticeship scheme in their workshop in Jinja, Uganda. The young apprentices learn welding, prefabrication, and playground installation, as well as other practical, transferable skills including entrepreneurship – setting them up for a financially sustainable life.

IDEAS AND INSPIRATION FOR A CREATION CARE FOCUSED LENT 2022

This article is linked with multitudes of schemes associated with Climate change and you may find some ideas that you can get involved with in your daily life.

A MODERN TWIST ON FASTING?

Fasting has long been a Christian Spiritual Discipline practised and encouraged by Jesus to help his follower's emphasis the Kingdom of God in their lives over our physical appetites and emotional wants and desires. So why not use this coming Lent as a time to fast from some of our excessive consumption of the creation's resources, or appallingly high levels of waste of all kinds? Live lent, love life is a good strap line for this approach. Inspire your church members this year to commit to one of the personal disciplines outlined below, which will reduce our carbon emissions and preserve the good life of God's good creation, while helping each person towards greater self-control and a simpler lifestyle?

Three areas suggest themselves for action, all of which will result in reducing greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

1. A Carbon Fast

Reduce your use of fossil fuels during Lent. Do the energy audit at <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/> to measure your carbon footprint and design ways to reduce it. Switch to 100% renewable energy supplier if you haven't already. Reduce your gas consumption at home by improving insulation, lowering the temperature by a few degrees, heating fewer areas in the house or shortening heating periods. Use less gas heated hot water. Make less journeys by car; walk, cycle and use public transport when possible. Fly less. Live lent, love life.

2. A Meat Fast

Fast from eating meat during Lent altogether or commit to a meat free Monday. Intensively farmed meat production produces more greenhouse gases than all the transport systems (lorry's, cars, trains, ships and planes) in the world combined. A predominantly plant powered diet is very good for our health and wellbeing and for the health of the planet. Use Lent to discover new delicious plant-based recipes for you and your family. Live lent, love life.

3. A Plastic/Waste Fast

This is difficult as excessive plastic packaging is enmeshed in our society. But we can make progress. Brilliant products are coming onto the market which reduce or illuminate plastic packaging. E.g. Shampoo and conditioner bars of soap. (Gruum.com). Refillable cleaning containers from (<https://www.ocean-saver.com/>). Zero Waste Shops that enable you to refill your own containers with food items (<https://refill-larder.co.uk/>). Form a Small Group to research, test and try different ways in our area of reducing the waste in daily lives, helping the community to move from a linear economy to a circular economy. Where can we recycle our unwanted books, bicycles (<https://thebikeproject.co.uk/>), fashion items, small electrical goods and so on. Create a repair café or a make and mend group. Live lent, love life. (<https://www.facebook.com/ealingrepaircafe/>)

People could choose which ever area they wanted or one idea from each of the three areas.

ALTERNATIVE IDEAS

You could try a Lent Creation Care Film and Discussion evening(s).

Films which would be worth showing and discussing in small groups or Home Groups are:

- Breaking boundaries: “The Science of our planet”
Attenborough & Rockstrom. (Netflix)
- Kiss the Ground (Download free from
<https://kissthegroundmovie.com/>)
- The People versus Climate Change (BBC2 iPlayer).
- 6 brilliant short videos on Climate Change Solutions from Project Drawdown (Downloadable free from <https://drawdown.org/climate-solutions-101>)
- The Need to Grow:
<https://www.earthconsciouslife.org/theneedtogrow>
A DVD of this multi-award-winning film is available to borrow from
steve.paynter@stmarysealing.org.uk.

Commit to explore the On-Line Tool “Help Households Care for God’s World”

Created by St. Paul’s, Dorking. This involves a household carbon audit questionnaire and then seeking to improve where you are through a series of creation care actions: creationcare.org.uk

Creation Care starts at home: Start growing your own vegetables and/or create a compost heap for composting your household food waste. [Plant based waste food that goes to land fill produces methane but the carbon is recycled if the food is composted.] Spend more time in nature. Make your garden more wildlife friendly and/or your church land more wild life friendly.

Set up a Creation Care Lent book group or Study Group.

There are many books and courses here:

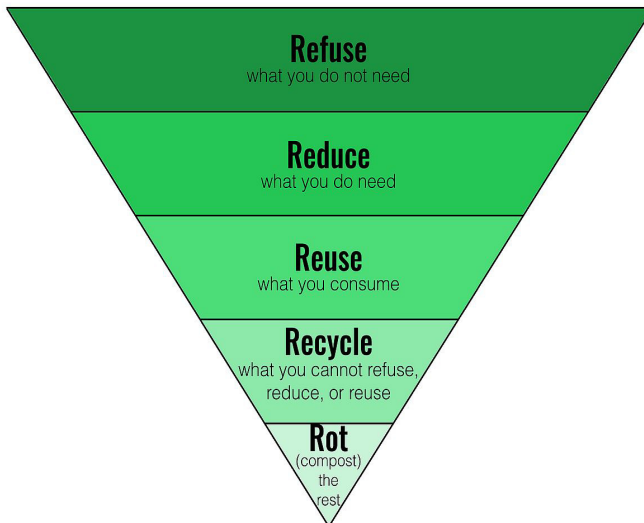
‘Saying Yes to Life’ by Ruth Valerio. (Study Course and book.)

‘Tenants of the King’ by operation Noah. (Study course.)

‘There is No Planet B’ by Mike Berners-Lee. (Book.)

Series of Lent Blogs and Calendar of actions to do each day of Lent - as at Holy Trinity, Northwood. Visit:

<https://www.htnorthwood.co.uk/blog/73685>



We hope there are some ideas here which will help you celebrate Lent well in 2022. Let us know how it goes by e-mailing steve.paynter@stmarysealing.org.uk.

Willesden Creation Care Action Group

Greetings and good wishes to you all after a winter that's been tough in many ways, but which gradually begins to draw back, uncovering the hope and glory of spring.

In early January we received the devastating news that our very dear friend Bernadette Rogers had died suddenly, aged 57, while visiting Uganda. Bernadette had been a warm, friendly and very involved member of our congregation, and we were shocked and shaken.

Her Memorial Service was held at St. Edmund's on 19th January. It was a beautiful and supremely Christian occasion, and the church was crowded. The glowing tributes and the sermon, as is often the case, showed many of us how little we'd known about this friendly and humble person in our midst: her creative talents in fashion, dressmaking and the craft-skills she shared with the Sunday School; the competence, authority and supportive care she showed in her working life; and the wonderful loving fun-filled personality that made her loved by all.

Bernadette was a devoted mother to Rachel, and she was a mother-figure also to family, friends and colleagues, doing her utmost to enhance their lives. Her devotion to other people was only matched by her devotion to her faith in Jesus. She will be sorely missed, and we pray for the family, especially Rachel: Our thoughts and feelings are so much with them all. In the words of her favourite hymn: "may He raise her up on eagle's wings, make her shine like the sun, and hold her in the palm of His hand, forever."

It has also been very sad to hear of the deaths of Anne Mitchell, John Peters and Alan Yates. They were all a part of St. Edmund's life and activities for many years - and we keep their loved-ones in our prayers, particularly remembering the Yates family who, as you know, have had a double bereavement over the last few months. We sang at Alan's funeral; I was interested to learn from the preacher, the Rev. Patty Linders, how involved and passionate he was about the St. John Ambulance - and also how he had operated the lighting for 27 pantomimes and at least 28 other Arrow Players productions! It's both strange and sad that I never got to know him, given that I lived very close to his parents in Northolt when I was a child, and later attended quite a lot of the aforementioned performances!

While writing this, I received the poignant news of two other deaths, both with some connection to our choir. Firstly, I learnt that our beloved former Choir Director, Nora Wood, departed to her rest on 16th February; much more will be said about her next time. And secondly, Jenny Jones lost her brother, Peter Manning, to pneumonia, also on 16th February. Peter was a Doctor of Music, and was Head of the Music Department at Durham University, having lectured there practically all of his working life: indeed, several of my fellow-students were tutored by him in the early '70s, and liked him a lot.

May the souls of all of these dear friends rest in peace and rise into the light and music of God's glory.

And light is the theme of this next report, as I return now to the afternoon of Sunday, 23rd January, when a local service of Christian Unity was held at Fairfield Church, in which Mother Helen and I took part. The theme, inspired by the Christians of the Middle East, was on the coming of the Magi. Even though we were well past Epiphany, the service made clear the relevance of that event in our shared Christian life. On arriving, we were given a paper star which would represent some event or person that was a guiding light, bringing us to Christ. This was particularly moving for me, as my first guiding light in the Faith was my mother, whose anniversary of death was that very day.

As we looked at the different parts of the story, we found messages with which we could identify: the seeking of information about our Saviour, the danger of trusting the wrong voices, the joy of finding Jesus, and the setting off in a new direction after finding Him, as the Wise Men did. We were encouraged to be shining lights ourselves, in order to lead others to Him. The prayers reminded us of the treasures of other cultures and traditions across the world, some of which are in danger; also the violence of the killing of the Innocents and the need for Jesus' family to become refugees - all of which is reflected in our modern world. They recalled to us that Jesus was announced as good news for all humanity, and so harmony and dialogue with other faiths needs to be sought.

We then added our paper stars to a picture of the sky, as a symbol of ourselves, to offer to God's work, and ended with 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'. It really was a well-constructed and moving service. We received a great welcome at Fairfield, and it was a pity more people didn't make the service. It would do us good to worship interdenominationally with our fellow-Christians more often.

In another shining event, Harrow Trinity Orchestra came to perform in our church again on Saturday 29th January, an occasion which lifted my spirits immensely. Described by the conductor, John Andrews, as 'a concert of surprises', it certainly was! The first piece was a 'Faust Overture' by Emilie Mayer (1812-1883), a prolific German Romantic composer, and reminded me of Schumann. It was a powerful piece, dark to begin with, but ending with light and hope of redemption.

Then we heard the Petite Suite de Concert by Samuel Coleridge Taylor (1875-1912), music which rests somewhere between Radio 2 and Classic FM, accessible and richly orchestrated. A brash but lilting waltz ('La Caprice de Nanette') was followed by two delightful romantic movements, 'Demande et Response' and 'Un sonnet d'amour'. The last movement was an exciting and rhythmic tarantella. The suite was a real joy to listen to.

The third piece, though less 'easy-listening', was rewarding: the Horn Concerto by Ruth Gipps, first performed in 1969. (Yes, two women composers in one concert!) Her style, although more 'modern', is a lot more tuneful than many composers of her day, showing the influence of Vaughan Williams (her teacher) and of other earlier English composers. There were some lovely key-shifts, and a wonderful delicate little interlude on the glockenspiel. The horn soloist, Ben Goldscheider, was superb.

The final piece was Vaughan Williams' Fourth Symphony. Anyone who was expecting something soft, pastoral and 'folk-song-like' was in for a shock. Written in 1931, it was an emotional maelstrom with clashing, crashing chords, a vigorous scherzo and some ominous marching rhythms. The few gentle bits were pitifully sad. Vaughan Williams refused to title this work, but it seems to suggest a premonition of a second terrible war. While full of conflict, I found it exhilarating - perhaps because it was patently written from the heart. V-W himself says of it: *I don't know if I like it or not, but it's what I meant*'.

This Orchestra is a fantastic group of musicians, who sound ultra-fantastic in our acoustic. Go to their concerts in Harrow, and, even more importantly, if you know any of them, please *beg* them to return to St. Edmund's!

On Candlemas Sunday, the choir was alarmed to discover that our organist, Mark, was absent, having tested positive for Covid. Peter Heath immediately stepped into the breach, playing the piano, and conducting our anthem, 'O come ye servants of the Lord'. Owing to some necessary quick changes in our programme, we made every effort to keep focused - which was, in a way, the theme of Fr. Michael's sermon. He pointed out how Simeon and Anna had discerned the identity of Jesus with their intuition rather than their eyes. As Candlemas looks both back to the Christmas stories and forward towards Lent and the ultimate loving sacrifice of the Cross, we were encouraged this Lent to try, like Simeon and Anna, to look both at the world and within ourselves for signs of God's presence and love. Later, I particularly enjoyed singing that great ancient hymn, 'Of the Father's Heart begotten', and then hearing the lively medley of carols that Peter played as we departed, bidding Christmastide a cheery farewell for another year.

Peter was again pressed into service for the All-Age service on 6th February, as Mark was still isolating. He thankfully arrived at church just in time, having just played at Emmanuel and then got stuck in the traffic! As usual, he threw himself wholeheartedly into playing the worship songs, and conducted another *a cappella* anthem with his customary panache! Thank you, Peter.

Our Gospel was about Jesus filling the disciples' nets with many fish - far too many, in fact! The result was that the men left their nets and followed Him. Fr. Michael reminded us how the huge number of good things God has given us should lead us to follow Him more trustfully. In the Intercessions, to the quiet strains of 'Fishers of Men', we put our prayer-requests into small fishing nets, which were then laid on the altar. It was a meaningful and thought-provoking service.

And now we're on the threshold of Lent. Our Thursday Lent Course, 'The Way', will remind us of our individual and communal life-journeys, and about looking out for God along the path; hopefully we will grow through our experiences, whether they are uplifting or challenging, and finally experience the unimaginable understanding and delight which comes from being in the presence of the Risen Christ.

See you on the Way!

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

The last two years have been extremely difficult trying to run the sections, whether it be on-line, outdoors or inside the hut (when permitted) and our thanks go to our dedicated leaders for all their hard work and enthusiasm. All sections are now up and running and have had busy and active Autumn and Winter terms working on badges, learning first aid skills, winter camping preparation, health and fitness challenge and taking part in air rifle shooting and archery at Paccar. Congratulations to the Scouts, who came second in the annual chilli goat camp competition, just 6 points behind the winners. Another camp is planned for May.

Hut Rebuild

Planning permission was granted in July and we are now seeking quotes for demolition, scaffolding and drainage. Our planned fundraising events were cancelled due to Covid but we are hoping to get back to normality sometime soon. We had a very successful Jumble Sale in October and plan two more for this year in March and October in addition to car washes and table-top sales. Meanwhile we will be applying for other sources of funding that do not require public events, mainly from grants.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 19th March – Jumble Collection

Saturday 26th March – Jumble Sale – 2.30 pm

Sunday 27th March – Mothering Sunday Church Parade -10 am

Marjorie Pimm

**2nd NORTHWOOD
(St. EDMUND'S)
SCOUT GROUP**

at St. Edmund's Hall

**2.30 pm
SATURDAY 26th MARCH 2022**

**JUMBLE
SALE**

*Offers of saleable goods
and of help with collecting,
sorting and serving
to Karen Retter 07984 662588*

WOMEN'S GUILD

PROGRAMME FOR MARCH - DECEMBER 2022

TUESDAY 8th MARCH at 2.30 pm

A Talk by Clare Moses - on her time in Midwifery

Followed by refreshments

TUESDAY 12th APRIL at 1.00 pm

Natter & Chatter

Followed by refreshments and raffle

TUESDAY 10th MAY at 2.30 pm

A Talk by Colin Richards - "Women in Art"

Followed by refreshments

TUESDAY 21st JUNE at 2.30 pm

Proposed Visit to Harrow Garden Centre

with Tea out

TUESDAY 12th JULY at 2.30 pm

David Steward, Pantomime Pianist - Here to entertain us

Followed by refreshments

TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER at 2.30 pm

A Talk by Sarah Parnaby - "Faiths of the Classical World"

Followed by refreshments

TUESDAY IN OCTOBER - date to be arranged

Autumn Lunch - *with raffle*

TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER at 2.30 pm

Elizabeth Wastell -

A demonstration on how to make a Christmas wreath

Followed by refreshments

TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER at 2.30 pm

Christmas Carols - with Peter Heath and Sarah Parnaby

Followed by a Festive Tea



SPRING CONCERT

7.30 pm Saturday 19th March at St. Edmund's

Mozart Mass in D and Mendelssohn Psalms

Tickets £15 (includes refreshments)
available from Beattie Bedford 01895 476224
or from a choir member.
also available on the door on the night



GRIN OR GROAN? EPISODE 1

*The following appeared in church bulletins,
or were announced at church services!*

Ladies - don't forget the rummage sale.
It's a chance to get rid of those things
not worth keeping around the house.
Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'.
'The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again',
giving obvious pleasure to the congregation

HYMN OF THE MONTH

Mike Godden

As we enter the season of Lent, we remember in this hymn what Jesus said to his disciples at Caesarea Philippi, as recorded in Matthew 16, Mark 8 and Luke 9 ...

*“The Son of Man must undergo great suffering ...
If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”*

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross: let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
Thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.

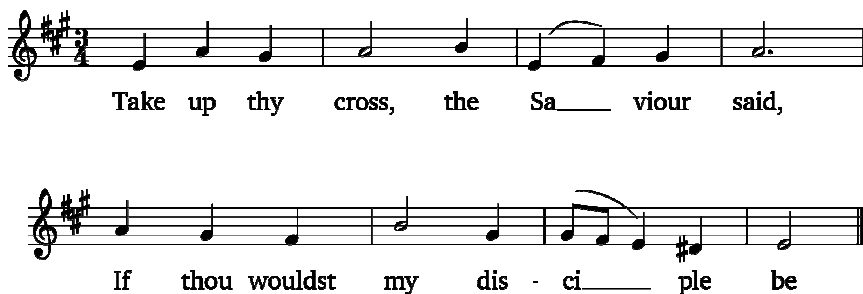
Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
’Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o’er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only they who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

To Thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
All praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.

The Hymn has its origin in a poem written by Rev. Charles Everest (1814-1877), probably in the 1830s, and published in 1845. The poem was adapted for use a hymn for its inclusion the original “Hymns Ancient and Modern” of 1861. Everest was born at East Windsor, Connecticut, graduated at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut in 1838, and took Holy Orders in 1842.

The tune often used for the hymn is “Germany”, originally written by Beethoven, and arranged for hymn use by William Gardiner of Leicester (1770-1853), a prolific composer and arranger, and published in his “Sacred Melodies” in 1815.



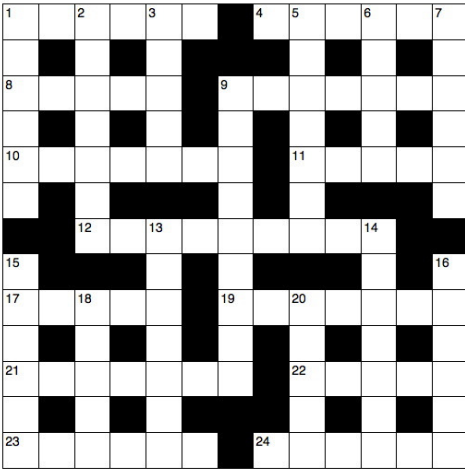
WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of All Saints. The Diocese of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, was created out of the southern part of the Diocese of Ripon in 1888, at which point the church of All Saints became a Cathedral. In 2014 the Diocese was incorporated into the new Diocese of Leeds, and the Cathedral became one of three co-equal Cathedrals (with Ripon and Bradford) of the Bishop of Leeds. There had been a church on the site in Anglo-Saxon times; it was rebuilt as a Norman church in the late 11th century. The church was again rebuilt in the mid-1300s, with more rebuilding, including the tower and spire in the late 15th century. There was further alteration over the centuries; the spire was renewed in 1823 after severe gale damage (and is now the tallest spire in Yorkshire), and there was much restoration between 1858 and 1874. Up to the 16th century the church was known by the Anglo-Saxon “All Hallows”, but after the Reformation it became All Saints.

FALKLAND ISLANDS CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of Christ. Although the Falklands isn't strictly speaking a Diocese of the Church of England, there is a “Bishop for the Falkland Islands”, a post currently held by the Bishop of Croydon in his additional role of Commissary to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Parish of the Falkland Islands also covers South Georgia and the British Antarctic Territories. The cathedral is built on the site of Holy Trinity Church, which was destroyed by a peat slip that destroyed part of the town of Stanley in 1886. The new building was built in 1890-1892 from local stone and brick, and was consecrated in 1892.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St. Saviour and St. Mary Overie. The Diocese of Southwark was created in 1905 from part of the Diocese of Rochester, to serve most of Greater London south of the Thames, and parts of East Surrey. Before 1877 the area was part of the Diocese of Winchester. There had been a religious community on the site for some centuries before 1106, when it was re-founded as an Augustinian Priory. Some fragments of 12th century fabric survive, but the building in its present form, dates to between 1220 and 1420, following a severe fire in 1212.

As with most ancient Cathedrals, there were many renovations and alterations until during the 19th century there was extensive rebuilding. Despite heavy bombing in the area in 1940-41 the Cathedral was relatively unscathed. The dedication of the Cathedral is unusual - St. Saviour is probably a way of referring to “Jesus as Saviour”; St. Mary Overie is more obscure .. it is thought that it could be a derivation from “St. Mary over the river” - an ancient way of distinguishing the church from the many St. Mary's on the north side - or possibly a reference to the legend of the 10th century Mary Overs, who founded of a convent in the area. The current Bishop of Southwark is Christopher Chessun, previously Archdeacon of Northolt, and before that Rector of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, where our organ came from.

MARCH CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Arouse (*Song of Songs 2:7*) (6)
4. Extinguish (*Isaiah 1:31*) (6)
8. "“They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!”” (*Proverbs 23:35*) (3,2)
9. Unhappiness (*Nehemiah 2:2*) (7)
10. Jewish (7)
11. Dirge (anag.) (5)
12. ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (*Proverbs 12:17*) (9)
17. Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (*Acts 13:33*) (5)
19. ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (*Galatians 5:13*) (7)
21. ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (*Luke 23:15*) (7)
22. Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (*Isaiah 29:1*) (5)
23. ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (*Judges 20:8*) (4,2)
24. Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (*Luke 16:20*) (6)

DOWN

1. Appalled (*Job 26:11*) (6)
2. ‘In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea’ (*Acts 27:30*) (7)
3. Expel (*Acts 18:16*) (5)
5. ‘But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!’ (*Luke 12:50*) (7)
6. ‘Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ’ (*Isaiah 9:7*) (2,3)
7. Hurry (*Psalms 119:60*) (6)
9. ‘For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings’ (*Hosea 6:6*) (9)
13. One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob’s well (*John 4:5*) (7)
14. Shouting (*Acts 7:57*) (7)
15. Arachnid (*Isaiah 59:5*) (6)
16. One of Paul’s first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (*Acts 16:14*) (6)
18. Donkeys (5)
20. Raked (anag.) (5)

FEBRUARY 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.*

