

On 20 November we celebrate the Feast of Edmund, King and Martyr. The prayer was written by one of my colleagues at St Edmundsbury Cathedral - you can find a choral version at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVAniSZLwyQ>



Christ Jesus,
with the life and martyrdom of St Edmund,
King of East Anglia,
you inspired generations of pilgrims in the way of love and hope.
Enfold your Church in the mystery of your life,
that we, in our own pilgrimage,
may be apostles of your wounded and risen glory,
who with the Father and the Spirit, are present eternally. Amen.

Advent Sunday is 29 November. This is the Advent Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Works of Darkness are defeated - we will get through this.

More resources can be found through the church website
www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk

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we would be very grateful - cash or cheques can be left in church, or at
the Vicarage or the Office - or you can make a BACS payment from
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November is a month to Remember

Halloween is the Eve of All Hallows, so we start November with All Saints' on 1 November and All Souls' on 2 November. I like the way that one day we remember the Big Names of the Church, the following day we think about our own special people. This is the Collect for All Saints

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I have produced a leaflet with prayers for All Souls' which we have sent to every family who we have done funerals for this year. If you would like a copy, contact Peter or Caroline or download it from the church website. It includes Psalm 121 and Matthew 6.25-34, and this prayer of Cardinal Newman

- *Why not read about a particular saint? A biblical saint, someone local, or the saint you share a name with.*
- *The Book of Hebrews reminds us about "the cloud of witnesses"*

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 8 November. There will be a service in both churches at 10 am and an Act of Remembrance at each memorial at 11 (plus Choral Communion (BCP) at 6 pm at St Edmund's). It will be a very different commemoration to normal, we need to ensure that social distancing and Covid measures are followed. There will be a broadcast service on the television and material on various websites. We will also remember on Wednesday 11 November, 10 am at St Edmund's, and at that War Memorial at 11. Here is material you might wish to use at home.

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds 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 is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Pray for HM The Queen, our Members of Parliament, those in
national and local government; our country, our Armed Forces, our
relationships across the world, and the battle that we are in.

We remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure,
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

Roll of Honour

They shall not grow 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. We will remember them.

When you go home tell them about us and say;
“for your tomorrow, we gave our today”.

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all humanity
in the cause of peace and justice;
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit,
give us wisdom, courage and hope
and keep us faithful, now and always. Amen.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Men of Darley Abbey who gave their lives,
and whose names are inscribed on the Memorial Cross

World War 1

GEORGE GARFIELD BEESLEY
HARRY ALLEN BROWN
JOHN HARRISON
FRED OLDFIELD
WILLIAM EDWARD PARKER
ALWYN STEVENSON
ALFRED THOMPSON

World War 2

GEORGE DICKENSON
ROBERT LESLIE LITCHFIELD
ROBERT JOHN COCKSHOTT
CYRIL HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH

Falklands War

IAIN BOLDY

(Whilst Training)

ALEC WILLIAM DEAN
DEREK STUART FLETCHER



- *There are some lovely musical settings of Laurence Binyon's poem "Ode to Remembrance". I love Mark Blatchly's setting*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIJymmA7Lb8>
- *The material from our 1918 commemorations at St Matthew's, including Peter's talk on Woodbine Willie and Julie's talks on WW1 Poets and the novelist Vera Brittain, are at*
<https://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk/world-war-1-at-st-matthews>