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PARISH CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS
OCTOBER 2024**

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Regular Sunday Services at St. Edmund's

08.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist

Upcoming Services

**Sunday 6th October 10.30am
Harvest Festival Service**



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family service**

All donations of food will go to the Community Cupboard

**Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm
Memorial & Thanksgiving Sunday**
Remembering loved ones who have died

**Sunday 10th November at 10.45am
Remembrance Sunday**

10.50am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
11.30 Said Eucharist in church beginning at Eucharistic Prayer

11-11-11

The West Kingsdown Branch of the Royal British Legion will parade with their standard on

Monday 11th November at 10.55am for 11.00am
at the Hever Road shops.

Everyone is welcome to join the Branch members
for the 2 minutes silence.

The Branch members will be selling Poppies outside the Hever Road shops
on **Saturday 2nd and Saturday 9th November**

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should be sent to:**

SEKAM.contact@gmail.com

Or call

Kim Johnstone on 07769 167226

If you have anything you would
like to be included in the
November addition of SEKAM,
the cut off date for inclusion is the
7th October

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DIARY DATES

PARISH COUNCIL

Full Parish Council meetings are 4th Wednesday each month (except August and December) at 7.30 pm in the St. Edmund's Centre, School Lane

General Purpose Committee meetings are 2nd Monday each month 7.00 pm in the Pavilion, London Road.

ST. EDMUND'S WIVES

2nd Wednesday each month. 7.30 pm. St Edmund's Centre unless otherwise informed. Contact: Margaret Burns: 853383

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

West Kingsdown Branch

April, July, September & November

For date, time & venue call/text

Martin Stoneham on 07973 821273

Poppy Appeal contact: Ian Dall

07775 738934 or iandall@outlook.com

W.K. ACTIVE RETIREMENT

4th Wednesday of each month 1.30 for 2 pm in the Village Hall.

Contact: Joyce Layzell: 461344

THE POP IN - for Coffee and a chat at the Pavilion, Gamecock Meadow every Wednesday and Saturday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

MEMORY CAFÉ

West Kingsdown Village Hall

1st Tuesday of each month 10.30 - 12.30

Alzheimer & Dementia Support Services on 01474 533990 or at www.alz-dem.org

WEEKLY WALKS

Every Wednesday at the Gamecock Pavilion.

Every Step Counts at 10.30 am.

WK BOXING CLUB

Contact Colin Neill on 07422 655939

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From the Register...

Baptisms

Weddings

24th August Adam Valentine & Kim Chapman

25th August Daniel Jenkyns & Hannah Gibbs

Funerals

Save the Date



St. Edmund's
Christmas Fair
Saturday 30th November
12.00 noon - 3.00pm
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Village Hall

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1st Sunday

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Holy Communion or
Service of the word**

A service with particular emphasis
for families and children

2nd, 3rd 4th, 5th Sundays

8am Holy Communion (CW)

Said Communion - a quiet, reflective
service.

10.30am Holy Communion

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(traditional and modern) using
Common Worship.

Everyone welcome, whether or not
they wish to take communion.

Coffee/tea is served after the 10.30
service

**People of all ages are welcome at
all services**

**MIDWEEK WORSHIP &
ACTIVITIES**

Morning Prayer in church

Monday **No MP**, Tuesday **9.30am**,
Wednesday **9.00am**, Thursday
8.30am, Friday **9.30am** & Saturday
9.30am.

Quiet Space for Prayer

There will be no Quiet Space until
further notice

Toddler Group

Thursday **9.00-11am** - term time
only, in St. Edmund's Centre

MORE ABOUT ST. EDMUND'S

Baptisms – Please contact the
Rector for information

Weddings – Please contact the
Rector for information

If you have a query, would like
someone to talk to, or someone to
visit please contact the **Rector** on:

Tel: 01474 852265

From the Rector

I wonder how many of us, if we
are utterly truthful to ourselves,
would say that we like change. Of
course there are some that do. In
general, however, I would
suggest, our human nature is to
hold on to the familiar, the things
that we know and are comfortable
with, the things that work for us.
Change can be hard, but it can
also be exciting. It is often the
fear of the new and unknown that
fills us with anxiety. Change
brings with it new beginnings,
new hopes, opens up new
horizons.

Change is all around us.
Everything changes, from the
universe, our solar system, our
thoughts, our bodies. Change is
an inevitable part of life. It
happens whether we're ready or
not. To live life, is to live change.
Change happens constantly to us
as people, but for the majority it
goes on unnoticed. We only have
to look at ourselves, year on year,
our bodies change, they grow and
daily we get older – we change
and develop. So, if you like,
change is part of our DNA.
Sometimes change is a personal
choice, we choose to move house,
to get a new job, to take up a new
hobby.

At the heart of change there are
things that remain constant, there
is and always will be 60 seconds
in a minute, 60 minutes in an
hour, 24 hours in a day and so on.
A period of time remains the
same, although as we get older,
we may feel it passes rather more
quickly than it used to. Another
constant is God's unending love
for all of his creation.
One of the secrets of living
successfully is to learn to handle

the changes
coming our way.
For me, it is
prayer that helps
me deal with the
struggles I face
when the familiar
changes.



In last month's SEKAM Rev
Mandy wrote of the challenges that
faced her as she prepared for major
change in her life moving on from
her curacy. At the time of writing
there was no definite decision as to
where she would continue her
ministry. That decision has now
been made and by the time you
read this letter Mandy will have
been licensed and installed as the
Priest-in-charge of the Bradbourne
Benefice, which incorporates the
two churches of East Malling and
Larkfield. Our congratulations and
love go with Mandy as she steps
out in faith to continue the work
that God has called her to.

As she alluded to in her letter
"there can be no change without
some sense of loss." That sentiment
I whole heartedly agree with, for
we too as a church and community
will be experiencing a time of
change, change that we have no
control over, change that brings
with it a sense of loss for us. But in
that change and loss there is a time
of great rejoicing from our
community to Mandy and the new
community that she will serve and
lead.

May God pour his blessings upon
us all as we navigate together the
rich tapestries of life, successfully
helping us to handle the changes
coming our way.

**With every blessing
Rev Sarah**

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Parish Council Newsletter

New Members

Three new Members have been Co-opted to the Council. We welcome Austin Blackburn, Martin Stoneham, and Matthew Marc. **Co-Option**

Following the sad death of a long serving councillor, Steve Gray, there is the opportunity to co-opt a further person to the Council to May 2026. To qualify you must be a British subject, over 18 years old, an elector, reside in or within 3 miles of the West Kingsdown boundary or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have your principal or only place of work here, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

If you would like to serve as a Councillor, please apply for an application form and further details to The Clerk, West Kingsdown Parish Council, The Pavilion, London Road, West Kingsdown, TN15 6BZ. Email: wkpcclerk@gmail.com.

Litter Picking Group

Following interest expressed from members of the Public, the council has agreed to start a monthly litter picking group. The first meet will be on **Thursday 10th October** to meet at the bottom of Hever Road, by the field, at **9.30am**. Litter pickers and bags will be supplied. Please come and join us.

Gamecock Meadow

The football season has now started, and we have teams playing on a Sunday. It is lovely to see the field used by many dog walkers, but may we remind dog owners to be responsible for picking up after their dogs and place the bags in the dog bins or litter bins.

Pavilion

This room is available for hire for small groups - Please contact the Clerk for further details

Refuse Bags

Black sacks are no longer being supplied by Sevenoaks District Council. At present we have. Recycling bags 50p a roll and Garden bags at 25 for £20 or £10 for 12 bags. If you want to consider a garden wheelie bin and permit for your garden waste these can be purchased through the District Council on 01732 227000

Kent Highways:

Anyone can raise or report a concern directly with Kent Highways including pot holes, blocked drains, verge cutting, and street lighting on the A20 and may other issues its sometime easier for you to contact them direct as you can locate the exact problem rather than me third hand

Any highways matters can be reported direct to Kent Highways on 03000418181 or on the KCC web site at: <http://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public> or the Fix My Street web site: <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

Parish Office: Public opening hours Monday, Tuesday and Friday 11 – 1pm

Parish Clerk. Tel: 01474 853286 Email: wkpcclerk@gmail.com www.westkingsdownparishcouncil.org.uk

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

An enormous thank you to the St. Edmund's Away Giving Team of Hilary Wilder, Karen Hopper, Sharon Rivers & Pauline Jenner who oversaw the **MacMillan Coffee Morning** held on Friday 6th September at the St. Edmund Centre

Thanks also go to Maxine Heaton & Richard Wilder who worked non-stop in the kitchen and to everyone who donated savouries, cakes and raffle prizes.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event

It was a tremendous success raising a total of £1460.00

ST. EDMUND'S WIVES

We all enjoyed Melanie's talk on spies at our September meeting- and found out about the reinstatement of the Tower of London as a place of execution after hundreds of years. A bit gory but very interesting

Our October meeting on 9th, will be Daphne Allen talking to us about Search and Rescue, sounds like another good one.

Also at this meeting we'll be having coffee/tea and cake in aid of MacMillan- not in the morning like everyone else, but we can eat cake at any time. So, make sure you bring your purses so we can make a generous donation to this very worthy cause.

Usual place, St Edmunds Centre at 7.30 - bring a friend if you like, the more the merrier and there will be plenty of cake to go round!

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The BRSCC Formula Ford Festival returns to Brands Hatch on 19/20 October for its 53rd edition, taking on a special theme in honour and celebration of one of its previous champions – Gerrit Van Kouwen.

Following the Dutchman's passing earlier this year, the BRSCC has elected to honour Van Kouwen, 40 years on from his victory in 1984. The former Formula 3 and BTCC racer was an enthusiastic supporter of Formula Ford and the Festival, attending most years until his death.

The traditional knockout race format will again feature, with drivers needing to progress through heats, followed by semi-finals, to reach the all-important Grand Final. Kent-engined Formula Fords of all ages will do battle around the Indy Circuit for this iconic prize, with other previous winners including Jenson Button, Mark Webber and Johnny Herbert.

A full support programme includes the Mazda MX-5 Championship, Mazda MX-5 Clubman Championship, Mazda MX-5 SuperCup, CityCar Cup, BMW 1 Series SuperCup, Evolution Trophy, Mazda MX-5 MK4 Trophy, Renault Cup and Classic VW Cup.

For more information and to book tickets visit www.brandshatch.co.uk



BRANDS HATCH GEARS UP FOR RAFT OF SEASON FINALES

Three thrilling season finales will feature at Brands Hatch this Autumn.

For the first time since 2009, the prestigious British GT Championship finale will be staged in Kent on the legendary full Brands Hatch Grand Prix circuit on 28/29 September. The season will come to a close with an intense two-hour race to decide the title fight, featuring GT3 and GT4 supercars from McLaren, Lamborghini, Aston Martin and more. Driver and team crowns are also at stake in the class-leading GB3 Championship partnered by the BRDC, with more open-wheel winners coming from its junior feeder series, GB4.

2024 has seen a thrilling title fight unfold in the Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship, with Brands Hatch once again hosting the traditional season finale on the Grand Prix circuit on 5/6 October. This year's battle looks set to go down to the wire, so expect plenty of drama across the season's last three races. Title protagonists who will be duelling for championship glory include local hero Jake Hill, 2022 champion Tom Ingram and four-time champion Ash Sutton.

Lastly, the Bennetts British Superbike Championship's Showdown Finale will decide who takes the coveted 2024 crown on 11-13 October. A season-ending triple-header is set to provide an exhilarating conclusion, with Tommy Bridwell (Honda), Kyle Ryde (Yamaha) and Glenn Irwin (Ducati) leading the fight for the title after a sensational season so far. The 2023 edition was an all-time classic, and with virtually double points on offer in the Showdown Finale, thrilling battles and a few late twists could well be on the cards once again.



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**St. Edmund's Centre
School Lane
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(Turn into the entrance to the Old School and St. Edmund's Centre is directly opposite)

**What's on this month at
St. Edmund's Centre**

Please see below a list of regular activities being held at the St. Edmund's Centre in School Lane to which everyone is most welcome.

Soup and Friendship Lunch

Monday 7th & Monday 21st October
between 12.00 - 2.00pm

Board & Card Games

Wednesday 9th October
between 1.30 - 3.30pm

Friday Crafters

Friday 11th & Friday 25th October
between 2.00 - 4.00pm

Tea at Two

Tuesday 22nd October
between 2.00 - 4.00pm

All activities are FREE and open to everyone. There is no need to book just turn up and enjoy the afternoon.

Rev Sarah



Toddler Church

**Every Thursday between
09.00-11.00am (Term time only)
at St. Edmund's Centre,
School Lane**

Toys, Tea and Toast - and an opportunity for fellowship and chat.

Booking the St. Edmund's Centre

St. Edmund's Centre Hall is available for hire for organised groups, meetings, children's parties (under 11's ONLY) etc. Sound system with projector available!
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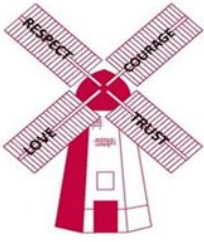
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News from St. Edmund's Church of England Primary School



Welcome to the latest SEKAM edition from St. Edmund's Church of England Primary School.

The children returned to school in September and it was a joy to see them all. We have welcomed new pupils and families to each year group and it was a delight to spend some time with the youngest members of our school. They were able to confidently talk about their families and any pets that they have at home. Many were very shocked and excited to hear that Eve was their school dog!

The first few days of term saw the whole school studying the beautiful picture book called Window by Jeannie Baker. Each class chose a genre of writing and our families were invited into school to help celebrate the wonderful pieces of writing and artwork that our children produced in just three days. These pieces of work will be displayed around our school for all visitors and guests to view when they visit.

There will of course be more to report in our next article but until next time, please do not forget to Shine your Light and share our school values of Love, Courage, Respect and Trust.

Sending you all our best wishes.

Mrs. Liegh Massey
School Secretary

Remembrance Day Sunday 10th November 2024

The village parade assembles at the Portobello Inn at **10.15am** and marches to the War Memorial by the church to arrive at 10.50am.

Everyone is welcome.

If you would prefer not to march but join the service at the War Memorial, please ensure that you arrive before the parade passes along Fawkham Road.

Please note that Fawkham Road will be completely closed to ALL traffic for two short periods as the parade passes and returns. This is a statutory closure that has been authorised by Sevenoaks District Council.



Barn Dance

Saturday 23rd November at 7.30pm
West Kingsdown Village Hall
The popular group 'The Skinners Rats' will be there.

Please contact Sue Whetnall for tickets 07980 334004 or email sue.whetnall@live.co.uk.

£18.00 includes fish or chicken & chips supper

SIMPLY SINGING



For everyone who just enjoys getting together and having a sing song – and we all know how much singing makes us feel better.

Come and join us on the 3rd Wednesday in the month
1.30 – 3.00pm for a cuppa, time to chat and time to sing.

Wednesday 16th October at the
**St Edmund's Centre,
School Lane**

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Pop-In

A warm welcome awaits you at the Pop-In every Wednesday and Saturday between 10am - 12.30pm at The Pavilion, Gamecock Meadow, London Road
Everyone welcome to pop in for a cuppa & chat



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