

# St Edmund's Roundhay

Sharing God's Generous Love

## Warden's Wool-gathering



Don't we look great? This picture was taken after our Mothering Sunday service and will form the front cover of the brochure that will go out to prospective candidates for our new vicar. We were keen to get our Mission Statement in shot – 'Sharing God's Generous Love'. Hopefully that is how we are seen in the parish, as a community that reaches out to our neighbours and to other worshipping communities nearby. We joined with Lidgett Park Methodist Church and St Andrew's United Reformed Church for a number of ecumenical services over Easter; there was a good representation from St Eds at the Maundy Thursday worship and the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

These joint services are very enjoyable and are an opportunity to make new friends. It would be lovely if more of us attended these joint worship sessions when they occur throughout the year.

As I said above, the picture is the front cover of the booklet we had to write to let anyone thinking of applying for the job know who we are and what we are about. A laminated version of the booklet will soon be available at the back of church for people to have a look at. That stage in the recruitment process is now complete. The brochure and profile (a document containing a lot of stats about the parish) have been submitted to the Diocese and will be discussed with the Bishop and Archdeacon at our next meeting (called a Section 12 meeting) on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The advert should then be good to go live on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please hold those 2 dates in your prayers.

It's often an over-used metaphor, but Spring really is a time of new beginnings, and we as a church will be starting our 'new year' after our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May. At that meeting we will be looking back on what has happened throughout the previous year, but this year especially I hope it will be also be an opportunity to look forward and think about where we want to go as a worshipping community. We had over 100 attending our main Palm Sunday service and over 150 came on Easter Day. It would be fantastic if we could say those were our numbers every week. With lots of thought, prayer and working together that could become a reality. So there's a challenge for you, in the words of Jean-Luc Picard on the Starship Enterprise – 'Make it so'.

It will be even warmer and brighter when I next write one of these, let us rejoice in the beauty of the seasons.

Until next time, Anne x

## Services in April

Sunday 7	<i>Easter 2</i>	8am Holy Communion; 10am Parish Communion; 6.30pm Taizé (with Healing) (with Healing)
Sunday 14	<i>Easter 3</i>	8am Holy Communion; 10am Parish Communion; 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 21	<i>Easter 4</i>	8am Holy Communion; 10am Parish Communion & Baptisms; 6.30pm Iona
Sunday 28	<i>Easter 5</i>	8am Holy Communion (BCP), 10am Parish Communion; 6.30pm Ecumenical Service at St Edmund's

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Each Thursday Morning Prayer is said at 8.30am in the Chancel.

## Services in May

Sunday 5	<i>Easter 6</i>	8am Holy Communion; 10am Parish Communion; 6.30pm Evening Service (With Healing) (With Healing)
Thursday 9	<i>Ascension</i>	7.30pm Holy Communion
Sunday 12	<i>Easter 7/Sunday After Ascension</i>	<i>Christian Aid Week begins</i> 8am Holy Communion; 10am Family Communion/Christian Aid/Parade 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 19	<i>Pentecost</i>	8am Holy Communion 10am Pentecost Celebration Communion 6.30pm Iona
Sunday 26	<i>Trinity/CMS</i>	8am Holy Communion (BCP); 10am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Ecumenical Service at Lidgett Park Methodist Church

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## Julian Meetings of Meditation and Prayer

It is hoped to begin Julian Meetings once a month, beginning on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. There will be no formality; prayers and time for meditation lasting no more than 45 minutes. Dates and times of further meetings will be agreed once established.

**St Edmund's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> in church at 11.30am.**



*St Edmund's Easter Garden 2024*

## **Spring Garden Working Party**

### **From 9.30am to lunchtime, Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Our Spring Tidy of the church grounds is planned for Saturday, 20th April beginning at 9.30am. We have a team of helpers but we also appeal to the congregation to come and help if at all possible. St Edmund's is fortunate to have beautiful grounds, but they do take some keeping in check.

We start at 9.30am and work until lunchtime, but join whenever and for as long as you are able - even half an hour. There will be jobs to suit all abilities and stamina, so do please come along and join us for fresh air, gentle exercise and a piece of cake. You can be sure of a warm welcome. Any queries please call Judith Marles – 2931510.

### **Saturday Rambles in April and May**

**Saturday 13th April** - Grassington and Grass Wood - 6 miles with several lunch options back in Grassington. For further details please contact Janet & David 07811 918474

**Saturday 18th May** - Cawthorne, Silkstone and Cannon Hall grounds - 6.5 miles - please bring a picnic for Cannon Hall grounds - There are a number of stiles of varying difficulty. Janet & David 07811 918474

### **Mid Week Walks in April and May**

#### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

The Meanwood Ridges.

2.8 miles. A walk that goes along the eastern ridge (Sugarwell Hill) close to the Urban Farm and returns along the western ridge (Woodhouse Ridge). Contact Brian Livesey on 293 7403 for Mid-Week Walks

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Otley Chevin, Ebor Way, Dales Way 3½ miles starting from Otley Chevin (Surprise View)

#### **Tuesday 21st May**

Smaws, Newton Kyme and the Wharfe. 4 miles

### **St Edmund's Poetry Group**

Our April Meeting will be held in church on **26<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm to 8.30pm.** Everyone welcome. Bring a favourite poem or just come along and listen.

### **Roundhay Artists Open Studios**

#### **@ St Edmund's**

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 11am to 5pm**

**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 12 noon to 5pm**

**Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> 11am to 5pm**

**We are hosting 6 local artists this year**

**We will be serving hot and cold drinks and cakes and scones**

**Do pop in and chat to the artists.**

## **St Ed's Coffee Morning**

**With a Brazilian Flavour**

**Come and Meet our Church Mission Partner Andy Walsh and his family**



**Saturday May 25th 10am to 12 noon**

**Cakes, Fair Trade Stall, Books**

### **Concert at St Edmund's**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

**Leeds Festival Chorus sing Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle**

**Tickets available online or at the door.**

### **Safer and Greener Future**

The Church of England is a partner in the Climate Coalition, along with many other large organisations, who joined together to advocate for a safer and greener future. This joint effort is needed more than ever because the progress made has been outpaced by the increasing threat from climate change, which is becoming more apparent with every news report. Responsibility for change lies with all of us and we need to show decision makers that we want to see urgent action to tackle climate change, protect nature and bring down bills.

We encourage everyone to champion the changes needed within our own lives and to support those who are seeking solutions. As voters, please use all your influence to keep up the pressure and ensure that those in power are held to account for progress or lack of it. Reducing our carbon footprint and reliance on oil and gas is urgent to bring hope for a greener and cleaner future both here in the UK and in other countries.

In a year with local elections and later a general election highlighting the important decisions we must take for our own and our children's futures this is even more important than ever. Think, pray, ask questions and use your vote wisely!

**A Date for Your Diaries**

**St Ed's Summer Fayre**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 11am to 3pm**