

8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday, 2nd September 2018
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday Welcome to St Edmund's
Church

An induction loop and large-print
service sheets are available today

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
James 1: 17-end
Mark 7: 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

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Psalm of the day Psalm 45:1-7

**1 My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the king;
my tongue is the pen of a skilful writer.**

**2 You are the most excellent of men
and your lips have been anointed with grace,
since God has blessed you forever.**

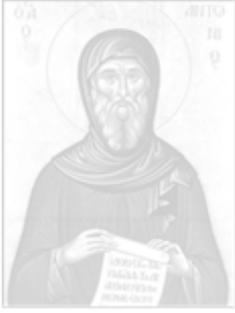
**3 Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendour and majesty.**

**4 In your majesty ride forth victoriously
in the cause of truth, humility and justice;
let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.**

**5 Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;
let the nations fall beneath your feet.**

**6 Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom.**

**7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.**



10am Holy Communion
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Forthcoming Services at Both Churches

2ND SEPTEMBER

**8AM MORNING PRAYER
10AM HOLY COMMUNION**

3RD SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 2.30PM T4U AT ST ANTONY'S

9TH SEPTEMBER

**8AM HOLY COMMUNION
10AM MORNING WORSHIP AT ST ANTONY'S**

16TH SEPTEMBER

**8AM MORNING PRAYER
10AM HOLY COMMUNION**

23RD SEPTEMBER

**8AM HOLY COMMUNION
10AM HOLY COMMUNION AT ST ANTONY'S**

30TH SEPTEMBER

**8AM MORNING PRAYER
10AM MORNING WORSHIP**

PLEASE NOT DUE TO ESSENTIAL WORKS IN ST ANTONY'S THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER. THANK YOU

FOR OUR PRAYERS

IF THERE IS ANYONE FOR WHOM YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PRAY, PLEASE LET SUSAN KNOW, BUT MAKE CERTAIN YOU FIRST HAVE THEIR PERMISSION.

FROM ST EDMUND'S

NORAH, ZARA, LINDA SIMMONDS, KATHLEEN DAVIES, ALISTAIR WHITE, LINDA KING, ALISTAIR, Guy. Maureen Bellchambers. Daphne Butler.

FROM ST ANTONY'S

**We pray for Alan Smith, Alison Falconer, and Anita Wythe.
Sheila Bradstock**

DCC meeting. There will be a joint meeting of St Antony's and St Edmund's DCC's on Tuesday 11 September 7.30pm for a 7.45 start in the William Goddard Room at St Edmund's.

Happy's Circus on Thursday 6th September Happy's Circus will be visiting Atwood School Gates open at 4pm with the show between 6pm-8pm Tickest cost £10.00 single ticket or £35.00 for a family
Visit : www.atwoodprimary.academy/events for information.

Regular Worship Survey

As you may be aware attendance figures for the Church of England are widely acknowledged to be falling throughout the country. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule but in general the trend is downwards.

Here at St Antony's and St Edmund's our attendance figures have also declined. New members have joined the electoral rolls but the decline remains evident. Whilst we are aware that the decline is partly due to people moving away, moving to other churches or natural decline due to ill health and death, another significant issue appears to be that those that do attend Church choose to do so less frequently than previously.

Therefore, the DCC's have jointly decided to ask members to complete a short Regular Worship Survey. This took place during the services on Sunday 29th July however if you were not present that day please complete a survey and hand it to Susan or one of the churchwardens. The survey is anonymous though you may add your name if you wish

Once the results are reviewed we hope to gain a clearer insight into the challenges our members are facing and we will seek to address them wherever possible.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this venture.

Susan

**The surveys will be retained for as long as it is necessary to review the responses and collate the results. Any surveys with personal data such as names on them will be securely destroyed on completion of the survey analysis. If in the interim anyone wishes their name to be removed from the survey answer sheet please contact Susan*