

# SEKAM

## ST EDMUND KING & MARTYR PARISH CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS SEPTEMBER 2024

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### Regular Sunday Services at St. Edmund's

08.00am Said Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist

### Upcoming Services

Sunday 15th September

12.30am

Special Celebratory Service



There will be a short service to celebrate marriage, civil partnerships and relationships. This will be followed by a buffet lunch at The Rajdani, London Road at 1.00 pm.

All are welcome to attend the Church service and/or the buffet lunch.

The lunch is strictly by pre-paid tickets which are available from Hilary Wilder on 01474 852066 or email: [wilderx2@gmail.com](mailto:wilderx2@gmail.com) at a cost of £15.00 per person.

Sunday 6th October 10.30am

Harvest Festival Service



Please do come and join us for this delightful family service

All donations of food will go to the Community Cupboard

### Summer Fair Thanks

Although the Summer Fair seems a long time ago I would like to add my thanks to those of Don's in the July & August edition of SEKAM.

**The magnificent sum of £3820.00 was raised.**

A special thank you to Brands Hatch and West Kingsdown Card & Flower Shop for their donations

**Rev Sarah**



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

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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

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Contact: Joyce Layzell: 461344

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### MEMORY CAFE

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](http://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

21st July  
Luna Robson

### Weddings

27th July  
Laura Stratton & Benjamin Main

### Funerals

25th June  
Allan Clark

5<sup>th</sup> July  
Barry Luscombe

19<sup>th</sup> July  
Steve Gray

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## Local 86-year-old takes on skydive for children's charity



86 year Pauline Rodger (above) is proving that age is nothing but a number as she takes on a 10,000ft skydive to raise money for **The Children's Trust**.

Pauline, who currently works as a volunteer at The Children's Trust retail store in Sevenoaks, is aiming to raise £5,000, which will support the charity's vital work in providing specialist rehabilitation, education and community services across the UK for children and young people affected by brain injury or neurodisability.

Every year 40,000 children in the UK are left with a brain injury as a result of an accident or illness and many have to live with ongoing, long-term difficulties.

**If you would like to help Pauline smash her fundraising target, visit [justgiving.com/page/pauline-rodger-parachutejump](http://justgiving.com/page/pauline-rodger-parachutejump)**

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10.30am Holy Communion or  
Service of the word**

A service with particular emphasis  
for families and children

#### **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

**8am Holy Communion (CW)**

Said Communion - a quiet, reflective  
service.

**10.30am Holy Communion**

Holy Communion with hymns  
(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 **9.00am**, Tuesday **9.30am**,  
Wednesday **9.00am**, Thursday  
**8.30am**, Friday & Saturday **9.30am**

#### **Quiet Space for Prayer**

Wednesday **2.00-3.00pm**

#### **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:

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## **From the Curate**

September can be a real month  
of uncertainty for many people,  
especially children as they  
return to school in new  
classrooms, new year groups, or  
for some a whole new school.  
Some of our young people may  
be going off to college or  
university, or leaving education  
behind completely and going in  
to the world of work. This is  
such an exciting time as new  
doors are opened, opportunities  
offered and new friendships are  
forged, but it can also be a  
difficult time, with new  
challenges and unexpected  
struggles.

Even with a sense of knowing  
there can be no change without  
some sense of loss, it isn't easy.  
We need to lay down some of  
what we were in order to  
become who we are growing to  
be. This is a real challenge, as I  
found when I left nursing, I still  
experienced a great sense of loss  
at laying nursing down even  
though I was excited and full of  
joy to be following my calling.

I reflect on this now as I prepare  
to move on from this place as  
my curacy draws to an end. I  
have mixed feelings of  
excitement, joy and fulfillment  
alongside pangs of anxiety, a  
loss of the familiar, of  
friendships and relationships  
built through the ups and downs  
of travelling this three-year  
journey together. I can honestly  
say I have been so warmly  
welcomed and embraced in the  
community here it has been

wonderful and  
want to say a  
heartfelt thank  
you to all those  
who have laughed  
and cried with me  
but mostly I want  
to publicly thank Rev Sarah who  
has been a saint acting with  
humility and patience as I  
repeatedly asked questions and  
made mistakes.



I wrote a sermon recently about  
the story of the Disciples being in  
a boat when a storm blew up  
causing them to panic and cry out  
to Jesus, who was asleep in the  
boat, to save them. (Mark 4:35-  
end) This made me think about  
how important it is to have  
something to believe in. Life is  
full of challenges and often  
squalls or storms can rise up out  
of nowhere and unexpectedly  
knock us off our feet. Even if it is  
a planned move like school or  
changing jobs we can still be left  
unbalanced by the extent of our  
feelings. Thank goodness we have  
a God who loves us and hears us  
when we cry out to him, giving us  
the strength to endure all the  
storms that rise up in life.

Whatever new challenges may lie  
ahead, may I take this opportunity  
to say goodbye, thank you and  
wish you all God's blessings for  
the future. xx

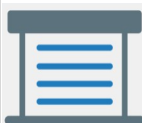
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## OUR CURATE MANDY

Rev Mandy started her curacy with us at St. Edmunds at the end of September 2021. We are now fast approaching the end of September 2024 and the end of her time with us. Any curacy is for a limited period of three years and is a time of continued training in a parish post ordination. It doesn't seem possible that three years has past and it is time for Mandy to move on. At the time of writing there is no definite decision as to where that move will be.



We hold Mandy in our prayers as she continues to discern God's will for her. Mandy has been a wonderful curate, fully immersing herself in the life and work of both church and village communities. She will be greatly missed.

Thank you Mandy for all that you have given to us as a church during your time with us.

With every blessing as you step out on the next part of your journey.  
**Rev Sarah**

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

St. Edmund's Centre, School Lane, TN15 6JN  
Friday 6th September between 10.00am - 2.00pm



Please do come along and support Macmillan's biggest fund raising event for people facing cancer. It's a perfect chance to catch up with friends and neighbours over a cuppa and slice or two of cake. Every penny raised goes directly to the Macmillan Cancer Support Fund. **Everyone is very welcome**



### St. Edmund's Church

*A Quiet Space for Prayer*

Every Wednesday between 2.00-3.00pm  
**All welcome**

### ST. EDMUND'S WIVES

We had a lovely time at Eureka garden in July for our outing. A lovely garden, good weather and delicious cake - who could ask for more?

Our September meeting is on Wednesday 11th, usual start time of 7.30pm at the St Edmund's centre in School Lane. Our talk is called A Spy for Love and the speaker is Melanie Gibson Barton. We've had Melanie a few times before and her talks are always very interesting.

Hope to see everyone there, and don't forget that we welcome new members.

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## BRITTEN FAMILY RETURNED TO BRANDS HATCH FOR MINI FESTIVAL

The Mini Festival returned to Brands Hatch for another celebration of Britain's most popular small car earlier this month. But it was also a particularly special reunion for the Britten family.

John Britten was one of the original MotorSport Vision (MSV) co-founders alongside Chief Executive Jonathan Palmer when the group took over the operation of Brands Hatch as well as three other UK race circuits in 2004. After battling illness for many years, John sadly died in 2009, but his family's enthusiasm for the automotive scene endures.

And that's why John's wife, Diana Britten MBE, alongside their daughters and grandchildren got together to attend this year's Mini Festival. The 'Britten Mini Girls' have a long-standing relationship with the pocket-sized motoring icon – indeed John gifted his twin daughters, Fleur and Chloe, identical classic Minis for their 21st birthday.

"I thought the Mini Festival was fabulous," said Diana, who was returning to Brands Hatch for the first time in over seven years and was immediately struck by the welcoming atmosphere she remembered from previous visits. "Everything was as it should be, running like clockwork," she shared. "John would have been delighted to see how well Jonathan has developed the place".

**MSV Chief Executive Jonathan Palmer said:** "John had enormous experience as an entrepreneur and was always very active contributing to the management of the MSV business. He was hugely enthusiastic about both motor racing and business and provided me with a great deal of very welcome guidance, much of which still echoes today.

Diana and I still keep in touch, and it was lovely to see her family again and John would most definitely have approved of the event our MSV team have created!"



## BRITISH GT TITLE DECIDER HEADS TO BRANDS HATCH THIS SEPTEMBER



For the first time in 15 years, the British GT champion will be crowned at Brands Hatch (28/29 September), with the epic Grand Prix circuit set to provide a stunning backdrop for one of the UK's most sought-after titles.

With Lamborghini, McLaren, Mercedes-AMG, Aston Martin, BMW, Lotus, Audi, Toyota and more represented on the grid, this is one of British motorsport's most mouth-watering line-ups, with a gripping two-hour race set to decide who wins this year's crowns. Honours are up for grabs in both GT3 and GT4.

Single-seater champions will also be decided, with F1 stars of the future ending their campaigns in GB3 and GB4. Three GB3 races will determine the outcome of this year's title, with three further GB4 contests settling things in the entry-level category.

Further sports car action will come from the Ginetta package of championships, with more champions to be crowned in Ginetta Junior, Ginetta GT Academy and the Ginetta GT Championship.

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Please see below a list of regular activities being  
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to which everyone is most welcome.

**Soup and Friendship Lunch**  
Returns on Monday 7th October

**Board & Card Games**  
Wednesday 11th September  
between 1.30 - 3.30pm

**Friday Crafters**  
Friday 13th & Friday 27th September  
between 2.00 - 4.00pm

**Tea at Two**  
Tuesday 24th September  
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)  
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**Wednesday 18th September at the  
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