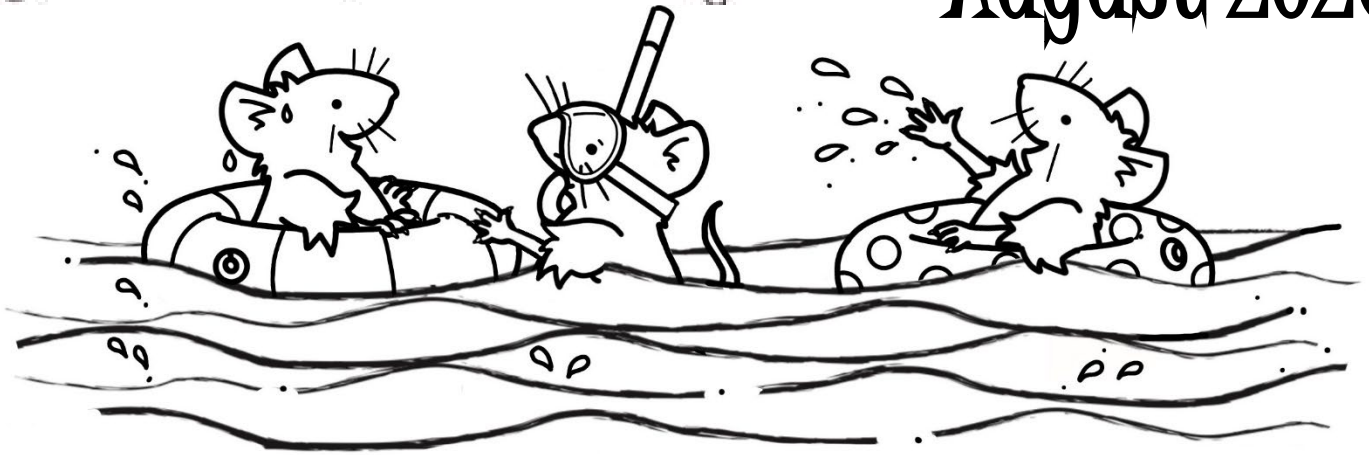




August 2026



Sunday 2nd August

10.30am: Holy Communion, St. A's.

Bible readings: **Gareth:** Romans 9. 1-5 and **Ife:** Matt 14. 13-21

Prayers: **Ayo** Chalice: **Roy.** Leading & Preaching: **Mandy**

Sunday 9th August

10.30am Holy Communion, St. Ed's

Bible readings: **Theresa:** Romans 10. 5-15 and **Robert:** Matt 14. 22-23

Prayers: **Lorraine** Chalice: **Ryan.** Leading: **Mandy** Preaching **Andrew**

Sunday 16th August

10.30am: Holy Communion, St. A's.

Bible readings: **Anu:** Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32, and **Alison:** Matt 15. 21-28

Prayers: **Kyla** Chalice: **Roy.** Leading & Preaching: **Mandy**

Sunday 23rd August

10.30am: Holy Communion, St. Ed's.

Bible readings: **Lorraine:** Romans 12, 1-8, and **Ryan:** Matt 16. 13-20

Prayers: **Sharon E** Chalice: **Lorraine.** Leading & Preaching **Rev Captain Michael McLaughlin**

Sunday 30th August

10.30am: Holy Communion, St. A's.

Bible readings: **Margaret:** Romans 12. 9-end, and **Ife:** Matt 16. 21-end

Prayers: **Ayo** Chalice: **Segun.** Leading & Preaching: **Rev Captain Michael McLaughlin**

Please note:

*If you are allocated above and are not available, please arrange your own cover.
Just let the person leading know. Thank you.*

Regular activities in our 2 Churches

Mon-Wed	9.30am	Drop-in Café, St Ed's
Tuesday	9.30am	Kindness & Wellbeing Community, St Ed's
Wednesday	8.30am	<i>Toddler Group, St A's – closed in August</i>
	11am – 2pm	<i>Community Cafe, St A's – closed in August</i>
	7.00pm	Slimming World Group, St Ed's
Thursday	9.30am	Morning Prayer, St Ed's
	11am	060's exercise (every other week), St Ed's
	12 noon	Over 60s lunch, followed by bingo, St Ed's
Friday	9:30am	<i>Little Edz Toddler Group, St E's – closed in August</i>
	9.30am	Drop-in Café, St Ed's
Saturday	9:30am	Men's Breakfast, St A's (1 st Saturday of month)
	10.00am	Knit & Natter, St A's (1 st and 3 rd Saturdays)

Dates for your diaries

4 th August	3pm, St Edmund's – please join us for the unveiling of the artwork given to us from Stephen Oliver celebrating Peace & Harmony. Stephen Oliver, Jim Dickson MP and members of the Drs will be joining us.
5 th August	East Dartford Benefice Day Trip to Margate. If you have not yet signed up, please speak to Ryan ASAP.
5 th August	St Eds Café closed.
14 th August	Standing Committee Meeting
15 th August	St Alban's Summer Fayre – we have lots of new stalls this year, but we still need volunteers!
22 nd August	PCC Meeting after service.
31 st August	Robert's Ramble – Bank Holiday Monday – 10am from St Eds. Please speak to Robert for details.



We need your donations to make our 'Barrow of Booze' a success at the Summer Fair. We need to fill the barrow with beer, wine, spirits, old bottles of Schnapps or Advocaat left over (but still in date) from Christmas, and which were never opened!

Tickets will be sold to over 18s for £1 a ticket and I've been told that this is really popular and could raise a large sum for us!

So the kids are not left out we will also have a smaller non-alcoholic barrow for them to buy tickets for 😊

How to help in 2026

1 - Financially

St Edmund PCC Dartford

Metro Bank

Sort Code 23-05-80

Account No. 46339673

St Albans Parochial Church Council

The Co-Operative Bank

Sort Code 08-90-36

Account No. 50004739

East Dartford Benefice

Metro Bank

Sort Code 23-05-80

Account No. 48471757



This QR code links to "Give A Little East Dartford Benefice" to make a single or monthly donation.

Regular giving makes a big difference. We also use a card reader and/or plate every Sunday. Thank you for this support.

2 - Time and energy

We are in interregnum and we would really value your help. Here are some ideas. Please have a chat to Lorraine or Roy our Church Wardens if you have any suggestions, or can help in these areas:

- **Refreshments** - after church
- **Sound and tech** - during service
- **Lifts to church** - perhaps on a monthly rota – some people have to pay for a taxi every week, please help if you can
- **Sunday School** - a little team, so parents can stay in church sometimes
- **Before/After Church** - Setting up or tidying up
- **Deep clean working party** – setting up a schedule of regular deep cleans of kitchens at both churches

3 - Prayer

- Pray for our future Vicar, Rev Rachel Wilson, as God prepares her to leave Southborough and return to Dartford.
- Join our email prayer group, please contact community.prayerline.edb@gmail.com

A prayer for August

In this summer month of August, help us to be aware of Your presence.

If we are away on holiday, if we can't have a holiday,
on our journeys, in our homes, with our families or friends, when we're alone,
when life is sweet, when life isn't sweet.

At all times and in all circumstances,
help us to know that You are in it with us, sharing our ups and downs,
offering Your love and peace and hope when we connect with You
through putting our trust in Your Son, Jesus.

Thank You, Lord.
In His name, Amen.

For the Mission of the Church

Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself:
We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent
in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations.
We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love
has been gathered together by their prayers and labours,
and that in every place your servants call upon your Name;
for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Contact us:

***We are in interregnum, so we don't have a full-time priest at the moment.
However, there are people to speak to and places to get information.***

Priest: Canon Mandy Brown 07772121277 (mandykbrown26@gmail.com)

Available: 9.00 – 4.00 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday

Reader: Andrew Carr (admin@transformingministry.co.uk)

PA: Debbie Westerby 01322311201 / 07305593610 (2dartfordchurhes@gmail.com)

Church Wardens: Lorraine Bathgate (lorraine.bathgate@hotmail.co.uk)

Roy Brown (roydfc@icloud.com)

Prayer: Join our email prayer group: community.prayerline.edb@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/eastdartfordbenefice/

Website: www.2dartfordchurches.org