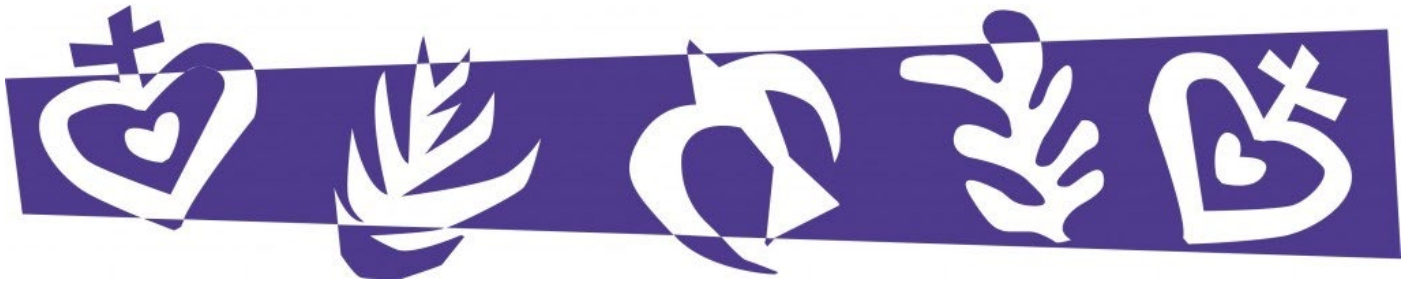




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February 2026

Sunday 1st February (Candlemas)

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

Bible readings: **Alan:** 2 Samuel 15: 13-14, 30, and 16:5-13 and **Barbara:** Mark 5: 1-20 **Prayers:** **Lorraine** **Chalice:** **Robert** **Leading:** **Mandy** **Preaching:** **Andrew**

Sunday 8th February (2nd before Lent)

10.30am Holy Communion, St. A's.

Bible readings: **Gareth:** Genesis 1:1-2.3, and **Margaret:** Matthew 6: 25-end
Prayers: **June** **Chalice:** **Annu** **Leading and Preaching :** **Mandy**

Sunday 15th February (1st before Lent)

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

Bible readings: **Sharon A:** Exodus 24 24:2-end, and **Robert:** Matthew 17: 1-9
Prayers: **Andrew** **Chalice:** **Andrew** **Leading and Preaching:** **Rev Clive Wood**

Sunday 22nd February (1st of Lent)

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

Bible readings: **Ife:** Genesis 2: 15-17 and 3: 1-7, and **Annu:** Matthew 4: 1-11
Prayers: **Gareth** **Chalice:** **June D** **Leading and Preaching:** **Mandy**

Please note:

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

February 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	Stepping Stones Toddler Group, St A's
	11am – 2pm	Community Cafe, St A's
	7.00pm	Slimming World Group, St E's
Thursday	9.30am	Morning Prayer, St Ed's
	9.30am	Holy Communion/Prayers for healing (15 th)
	12 noon	Over 60s lunch, followed by bingo, St Ed's
Friday	9am	Little Edz Toddler Group, St E's
	9.30am	Drop-in Café, St Ed's
Saturday	10.00am	Knit & Natter, St A's (1st and 3rd Saturdays)

Dates for your diaries

12 th February	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing, St Ed's, 9:30am
17 th February	Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day
18 th February	Ash Wednesday/Holy Communion with Ash, St A's, 7:30pm
25 th February	Lent Course, Zoom, 7:30pm
4 th March	Lent Course, Zoom, 7:30pm
6 th March	World Day of Prayer, praying for Nigeria, St Ed's, 11:30am, includes lunch.
11 th March	Lent Course, Zoom 7:30pm
18 th March	Lent Course, Zoom 7:30pm
25 th March	Lent Course, Zoom 7:30pm
29 th March	Liturgy of the Palms / Palm Sunday, St Ed's, 10:30am
30 th March	Holy Monday, Compline on Zoom, 7:30pm
31 st March	Holy Tuesday, Prayer Walk from St Ed's, starting at 11am ending at St A's at 12noon,
1 st April	Holy Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, St A's, 10:30am Holy Wednesday, Lent Course, Zoom 7:30pm
2 nd April	Maundy Thursday, Morning Prayer, St Ed's, 9:30am Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion with stripping of Altar, St A's, 7:30pm
3 rd April	Good Friday, Stations with reflections and prayers at the cross, St Ed's, noon-3pm
5 th April	Easter Day, Dawn Service Holy Communion, St Ed's Time TBC Easter Day, Joint Holy Communion, St A's, 10:30am

DRAW NEAR

LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

This year's Lent Course is entitled: **Draw Near- Life-giving habits for Lent**. It is a six-week course which for the Benefice, Andrew will lead by **ZOOM only** on the following Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm:

25 February - Theme - Sharing in Prayer
4 March - Theme - Sharing in the Scriptures
11 March - Theme - Sharing in Communion
18 March - Theme - Sharing in Service
25 March - Theme - Sharing the Good News
1 April - Theme - Affirming the Christian Way

To join the Zoom Meeting please see details below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85138214531?pwd=IkILCreQV0vwLHyZAtw4mAdvEVuEU5.1>

Do let us know that you will be joining the course and we can send you the Zoom link via email.

Thank you in advance to Andrew for agreeing to run the course and attending a recent CofE webinar to facilitate the course for us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

11:30am St Edmund's Church

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Nigeria 2026

Worldwide Circle of Prayer

Focus on Nigeria Stories & Prayers Join us for lunch

Everyone is welcome.

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bring a friend.



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How to help in 2026

1- 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
- **Website**
- **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

2 - Prayer:

- Pray for our future Vicar, that God is preparing them, even now.
- Continue to pray for Dame Sarah Mullally as she begins her journey as our new Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Join our email prayer group, contact community.prayerline.edb@gmail.com

3 - Financially:

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Happy 100th Birthday to Denis



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

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PA: Debbie Westerby 01322311201/ 07305593610

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