



East Dartford Benefice
St Edmund &
St Alban
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SUNDAY 16th MARCH **2nd Sunday of Lent**

10.30am: *Holy Communion @ St Alban's*
10.30am: *Holy Communion @ St Edmund's*

4pm: Messy Church @ St Edmund's
'People who care for us'
(Getting ready for Mothering Sunday)



Next Sunday: 23rd March 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent

10.30am: A joint Service @ St Edmund's
Family Service with Holy Baptism

Diary

THIS COMING WEEK

Monday 17th March

10am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

Tuesday 18th March

8.30-12noon Community Hub @ St Alban's (followed by part 2 of the Lent course and a light lunch)

9:30am Kindness & Wellbeing Café @ St Edmund's

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

Wednesday 19th March

8.30am Stepping Stones Toddler Group @ St Alban's.

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

7pm Lent course on zoom

Thursday 20th March

9:30am Morning Prayer @ St Edmund's

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

11.00am Steady, Strong and Able @ St Edmund's

12noon Over 60s lunch at St Edmund's followed by bingo

Friday 21th March

8.30am St Edz's Toddler Group @ St Edmund's

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

Loving God, as we journey through this season of Lent, we come before You seeking spiritual renewal. Cleanse our hearts, minds, and souls from all that separates us from You. Renew our spirits and draw us closer to Your presence. Help us to let go of distractions and focus on Your will for our lives, that we may grow in faith and obedience. Amen

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Coming up....and thank you

First of all a big thank you to everyone who supported our quiz last Friday. We made **£205.00** for the Enchanted Woods charity and had a great time as well. Special thank you to Andrew and Claire for hosting and doing the sums, and to Debbie for supporting as always. Thank you too to Ron, Paul, Theresa and Sharon for supporting our little table top sale on Saturday in the vicarage garden. We made **£65.00** for the EDB, the sun shone, and again we had a really good time doing it!

We are now of course well into the season of Lent and our course continues on **Tuesday lunchtimes in person at St Alban's at noon, and on zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7pm**. The theme of the course is how we process what many see as the different natures of God in the Old and the New Testament respectively.

Hopefully you've had sight of the **programme for events and services through Lent, Holy Week and Easter**. Do grab a hard copy and please take extra to share with friends and neighbours.

It's getting to that time of year again when we have to begin to think about the **2025 APCM**. This needs to occur before the end of May and ours will be on **Sunday 25th May**. Every year, ready for the APCM, we revise the electoral roll, adding those who have joined our congregation, and removing those who have left, but every sixth year it has to be renewed completely. This is such a year, so we'll be contacting you in due course about that.