

News in the Pews

East Dartford Benefice
St Edmund &
St Alban
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July 2026



Sunday 5th July

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

Bible readings: **Alison:** Romans 6. 12-end and **Ryan:** Matt 11. 16-19, 25-end

Prayers: **June** **Chalice:** **Segun**

Leading: **Mandy** **Preaching:** **Andrew**

Sunday 12th July

10.30am Holy Communion, St. Ed's

Bible readings: **Lorraine:** Romans 8. 1-11 and **Robert:** Matt 13. 1-9, 18-23

Prayers: **Theresa** **Chalice:** **Ryan**

Leading & Preaching: **Mandy**

Sunday 19th July

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

Bible readings: **Margaret:** Romans 8. 12-25, and **Anu:** Matt 13. 24-30, 26-43

Prayers: **Ryan** **Chalice:** **June**

Leading & Preaching: **Rev Captain Michael McLaughlin**

Sunday 26th July

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

Bible readings: **Sharon E:** Romans 8. 26-end, and **Barbara:** Matt 13. 31-33, 44-52

Prayers: **Robert** **Chalice:** **Ryan**

Leading & Preaching **Rev Martin Henwood**

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	Stepping Stones Toddler Group, St A's
	11am – 2pm	Community Cafe, St A's
	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	9am	Little Edz Toddler Group, St E's
	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

10 th July	St Eds Café Closed
15 th August	St Alban's Summer Fayre – Please sign up if you would like to volunteer to help or if you would like a stall to sell your wares!

Margate – Wednesday 5th August 2026



So, who fancies a good old day out at the seaside?

Sun, sea and fish & chips

Plans are to meet at Dartford Station at 9am-9:15am for the direct train to Margate which leaves at 9:43am. Train home is 4:58pm with a change at Rochester (no direct trains on the return journey).

Ryan is organising this year's trip to Margate so please speak to him for full information.

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, that God is preparing them, that they have seen the advert and have applied.
- Join our email prayer group, please contact community.prayerline.edb@gmail.com



A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD CUP



God of glory,
as the world gathers
to celebrate the beautiful game,
we pray for a harmonious and joyous World Cup.
Bring safety and security
for players and officials on the pitch,
fans in the stands, and spectators at home.
May we see and celebrate the hand of God
in the creativity of every curving free kick,
silky pass or impossible save.
May we have compassion and perspective
on the miskicks, missed penalties,
and muddled VARs.
Every winning team needs a losing team
– even if you were the better team.
Let the journey to World Cup glory
be not only for the nation that wins.
May we see something more
of the world you want us to be:
a gathering of every nation
and people who share your glory.
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 (2dartfordchurches@gmail.com)

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

Roy Brown (roydfc@icloud.com)

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