



East Dartford Benefice
St Edmund &
St Alban
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SUNDAY 23rd MARCH **3rd Sunday of Lent**

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



Next Sunday: 30th March 2025
4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

***10.30am: A joint Service of Holy Communion @ St Alban's
(we welcome the choir of Leigh Dartford Primary Academy)***

Diary

THIS COMING WEEK

Monday 24th March

- 10am Funeral @ St Alban's Church
- 10am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

Tuesday 25th March

- 8.30-12noon Community Hub @ St Alban's (followed by part 3 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 26th March

- 8.30am Stepping Stones Toddler Group @ St Alban's.
- 10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's
- 7pm Lent course on zoom

Thursday 27th March

- 9:30am Morning Prayer @ St Edmund's
- 10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's
- 12noon Over 60s lunch at St Edmund's followed by bingo

Friday 28th March

- 8.30am St Edz's Toddler Group @ St Edmund's
- 10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

A prayer for Trixie who is being baptised today

Heavenly Father, In your love you have called us to know you. We pray that Trixie may grow to know you, to trust you, to live for you. May she flourish in the power of your Spirit and may her life be always a testimony to your love and grace in her, now and always.

Amen

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Coming up....

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday and we will be gathering at St Alban's. Do join us for this special service at which (we hope – waiting for more details!) the children's choir of Leigh Dartford Academy will be coming to sing for us. As always there will be flowers for the congregation.

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. **I can confirm that Bishop Simon will be joining us for part of Good Friday.**

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.

There is an opportunity to visit our twin parish of Kikore in Kondo, Tanzania, later this year. If you'd be interested please talk to Mandy who'd be happy to pass on more details.