



May 2026

Pentecost



Sunday 3rd May (5th of Easter)

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

Bible readings: **Margaret:** Acts 7. 55-end and **Ife:** John 14. 1-14

Prayers: **Ayo** Chalice: **June** Leading & Preaching: **Mandy**

Sunday 10th May (6th of Easter)

10.30am Holy Communion, St. A's

Bible readings: **Anu:** Acts 17. 22-31 and **June:** John 14. 15-21

Prayers: **Ryan** Chalice: **Segun** Leading & Preaching: **Rev Jane Kustner**

Sunday 17th May (7th of Easter)

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

Bible readings: **Barbara:** Acts 1. 6-14, and **Ryan:** John 17. 1-11

Prayers: **Lorraine** Chalice: **Robert** Leading: **Mandy** Preaching: **Andrew**

Sunday 24th May (Pentecost)

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

Bible readings: **Alison:** Acts 2, 1-21, and **Segun:** John 20, 9-23

Prayers: **June** Chalice: **Roy** Leading & Preaching **Mandy**

Sunday 31st May (Trinity Sunday)

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

Bible readings: **Robert:** Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end, and **Lorraine:** Matt 28. 16-end

Prayers: **Sharon E** Chalice: **Ryan** Leading & Preaching: **Mandy**

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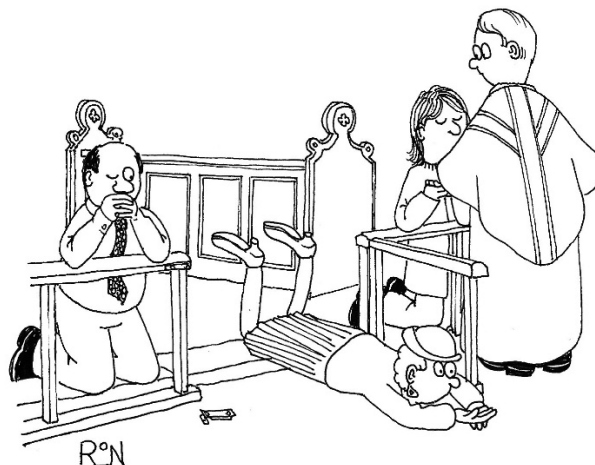
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Just let the person leading know. With thanks.*

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
	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

1 st May	APCM Reports due in.
1 st May	St Ed's Café / New prices
4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – St Ed's Café closed
17 th May	APCM at St Edmund's after the service
25 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – St Ed's Café closed
29 th May	National Biscuit Day
21 st June	St Alban's Day / Bring & Share Lunch at St A
26 th June	Quiz Night



Roy made a mental note to fix the bolt!

IMPORTANT NOTICE – St Ed's Café prices are being increased from 1st May 2026. Remember we are still better value for money and cheaper than anywhere else!!

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 Pentecost

Loving Father and giver of all gifts,

This month we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit which You promise to all who call on Your name, turn away from self-centred living and put their trust in Jesus.

Help us to do that, Lord.

Then, when events in the world and the circumstances of our own lives are difficult to understand, we have Your Holy Spirit who brings life and power.

He is faithful and constant. He will lead us into all truth and give us the words and thoughts we need to experience Your peace in the midst of turmoil.

At this time when we remember the birth of Your church, may we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit afresh and move into each new day confident that we are yours and that in You is our true security.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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