



March 2026

Sunday 1st March (2nd of Lent)

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

Bible readings: **Alan:** Genesis 12. 1-4a and **Robert:** John 3. 1-17

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

Sunday 8th March (3rd of Lent)

10.30am Holy Communion, St. A's.

Bible readings: **Margaret:** Exodus 17. 1-7, and **Gareth:** John 4. 5-42

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

Sunday 15th March (4th of Lent)

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

Bible readings: **Theresa:** Exodus 2. 1-10, and **Sharon A:** Luke 2. 33-35

Prayers: **Sharon E** Chalice: **Lorraine** Leading and Preaching: **Rev Jane Kustner**

Sunday 22nd March (5th of Lent)

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

Bible readings: **Hannah:** Ezekiel 37. 1-14, and **Segun:** John 11. 1-45

Prayers: **Kyla** Chalice: **Roy** Leading and Preaching: **Mandy**

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

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

Bible readings: **Barbara:** Isaiah 50. 4-9a, and **Ryan:** Matthew 27. 11-54

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

Please note:

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



March 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

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
6 th March	Quiz Night, 7:15pm, St Edmund's
12th March	Funeral, Denis Rayment, 10:30am, St Alban's followed by family only burial at Watling Street then a light lunch from 12noon/12:15pm for all to attend.
11 th March	Lent Course, Zoom 7:30pm
16th March	Funeral, Joan Cuthbert, 12:30pm, Kemnal Park Crematorium
18 th March	Lent Course, Zoom 7:30pm
19 th March	Holy Communion/Prayers for healing, St Ed's 9:30am
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 and Baptism, St A's, 10:30am

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
- **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.
- Join our email prayer group, contact community.prayerline.edb@gmail.com

3 - Financially:

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Metro Bank
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Account No. 46339673

St Albans Parochial Church Council

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Account No. 50004739

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Prayer for March 2026

Lord,

In these weeks leading up to Easter, many of us spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for us and how he can help us live our lives. But we live in a harsh, confusing world, where traditional values are upended and we can hardly believe some of the things we hear from powerful world leaders. Truth seems to be lost in the darkness.

Lord, your word tells us that, **whoever lives by the truth comes into the light**. Jesus says He is **the Truth**. He also says He is the **Light of the world**. Help us to hold fast to these facts. Help us to remember that Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble – so we shouldn't be surprised – but that He has overcome the world – so we should be encouraged.

Whatever is going on in the troubled world around us – we can live by the real Truth – and in the real Light – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who will never leave us or forsake us. Thank you so much.

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.

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