



September 2026



Join us for Sunday Holy Communion

A time to gather, worship and share together as a church family.

Sunday 6th September

10.30am Holy Communion, St Ed's

Bible readings: **Theresa:** Isaiah 55. 12-end and **Andrew:** Matthew 8. 23-27

Prayers: **Robert** Chalice: **Segun.** **Leading & Preaching:** **Mandy**

Sunday 13th September

10.30am Holy Communion, St. A's

Bible readings: **Segun:** Romans 14.1-12 and **Gareth:** Matthew 18. 21-25

Prayers: **Kyla** Chalice: **June.** **Leading & Preaching:** **Mandy**

Sunday 20th September / Harvest Festival

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

Bible readings: **Barbara:** 2 Corinthians 9. 6-end, and **Ryan:** Luke 12. 16-30

Prayers: **Lorraine** Chalice: **Andrew.** **Leading & Preaching:** **Mandy**

Sunday 27th September

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

Bible readings: **Alison:** Exodus 17. 1-7, and **Ife:** Matthew 21. 23-32

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

Please note

If you're on the rota but aren't available, please arrange your own cover and let the person leading the service know.

If you'd like to join the rota for readings, prayers or chalice, please speak to us — we'd love to hear from you.

Regular activities in our 2 Churches

Mon–Wed	9.30am	Drop-in Café, St Ed's — a friendly space for coffee, conversation and company.
Tuesday	9.30am	Kindness & Wellbeing Community, St Ed's — a caring place to pause, connect and be encouraged.
Wednesday	8.30am	Toddler Group, St A's — a lively morning for little ones and their grown-ups.
	11am	Community Café, St A's — pop in for a warm welcome, refreshments and friendly faces, open till 2pm.
	7.00pm	Slimming World Group, St Ed's — support, encouragement and practical help each week.
Thursday	9.30am	Morning Prayer, St Ed's — a quiet, reflective start to the day.
	11am	Over 60s exercise (every other week), St Ed's — gentle movement, friendly faces and a boost of energy.
	12 noon	Over 60s lunch, followed by bingo, St Ed's — enjoy a good meal, friendly company and a bit of fun.
Friday	9:30am	Little Edz Toddler Group, St E's — play and a welcoming space for little ones and their grown-ups.
	9.30am	Drop-in Café, St Ed's — round off the week with coffee, conversation and a warm welcome.
Saturday	9:30am	Men's Breakfast, St A's (1 st Saturday of month) — good food and relaxed conversation to start the weekend.
	10.00am	Knit & Natter, St A's (1 st and 3 rd Saturdays) — bring your craft, enjoy a chat and share ideas.



St Edmunds Church's 70th Birthday

This November marks a wonderful milestone: *St Edmund's Church turns 70!* We would love everyone to help us celebrate and fill the church with colour, creativity and thanksgiving.

Our plan is to transform the building with butterflies of every size — drawn, painted, sewn, knitted, crocheted or crafted in whatever way you enjoy.

We hope this will be a joyful project for the whole community, including our local Primary schools.

To help, please collect clean used plastic bags and wrappings — clear or colourful. These can be fused together to make bright “fabric” for cutting into butterfly shapes. Every butterfly will help tell the story of 70 years of worship, welcome and community life at

St Edmund's.

Please do join in — make your own butterfly, encourage others to take part, and help us create something beautiful together. Small butterflies can also be joined into hanging mobiles.



How to help in 2026

1 - Financially

St Edmund PCC Dartford St Albans Parochial Church Council

Metro Bank
Sort Code 23-05-80
Account No. 46339673

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.

Your regular giving makes a real and lasting difference to the life and work of our churches. If you prefer to give on a Sunday, we also have a card reader and collection plate available each week. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

2 - Time and energy

During this time of interregnum, every helping hand really matters. If you could offer a little time, energy or encouragement, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Lorraine or Roy, our Church Wardens, if you can help with any of the areas below — or if you have another idea to share.

- **Refreshments** — help create a warm welcome after church with drinks, conversation and hospitality.
- **Sound and tech** — support services behind the scenes so everyone can hear, see and take part.
- **Lifts to church** — join a simple rota, perhaps monthly, to help people get to church without the cost of a taxi each week.
- **Sunday School** — be part of a small team helping children learn and enjoy church, while giving parents the chance to stay in the service sometimes.
- **Before/after church** — lend a hand with setting up, tidying away and keeping things running smoothly.
- **Deep clean working party** — help set up a regular schedule for deep cleaning the kitchens at both churches, keeping our shared spaces fresh and welcoming.

3 - Prayer

- Please pray for our future Vicar, Rev Rachel Wilson — for encouragement, wisdom and peace as God prepares her to return to Dartford and begin this new chapter with us.
- Join our email prayer group, please contact community.prayerline.edb@gmail.com

Thank you

Dates for your diaries

5 th September	Men's Brunch — come along for good food, friendly conversation, and a relaxed start to the day. Held on the first Saturday of the month at St A's.
12 th September	Ride & Stride — join this fun sponsored event by walking or cycling between local churches, or by welcoming visitors at one of our churches. Whether you ride, stride, or help keep the doors open, every contribution supports this special day.
20 th September	Harvest Festival — come and celebrate the season of thankfulness together, followed by a bring & share lunch after the service.
24 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning , St Ed's. Come along for a cuppa, a slice of something delicious, and good company — bake something homemade or “fake” it with a shop-bought treat. Either way, there will be coffee, cakes galore , and a warm welcome for everyone.
16 th October	Quiz Night , St Ed's at 7:15pm. Gather your team, test your knowledge, and enjoy a fun evening together — all while raising vital funds for WaterAid .
10 th November	Licensing/Installation Service for Rev Rachel Wilson , St Ed's (TBC 7pm). A special service to welcome Rev Rachel Wilson and mark the beginning of this new chapter for our church community.
15 th November	A very special Sunday at St Ed's — Rev Rachel Wilson's first service with us, as we also celebrate St Edmund's Church turning 70! Please come and share this joyful milestone, then stay after the service for a celebratory bring and share lunch together.

Go with God

Whenever you go out of the house, as you put on your coat and shoes and take your bag, ask God to help you be prepared and ready for all he wants to do in your life and the lives of those around you.

Contact us

We are currently in a period of interregnum and do not have a full-time priest at present. However, there are people available to talk to, and we can provide information about who to contact and where to find support.

Priest: Canon Mandy Brown 07772121277 (mandykbrown26@gmail.com)

Available: 9.00 – 4.00 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday

Reader: Andrew Carr (admin@transformingministry.co.uk)

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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

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