



East Dartford Benefice
St Edmund &
St Alban
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SUNDAY 5th January Epiphany Sunday

10.30am: Joint Service of Holy Communion @ St Edmund's



**Next Sunday: 12th January 2024
The Baptism of Christ**

*Joint Service of Holy Communion with Baptism @
St Alban's*

Diary

THIS COMING WEEK

Monday 6th January (Epiphany)

10am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

Tuesday 7th January

8.30-12noon Community Hub @ St Alban's

9:30am Kindness & Wellbeing Café @ St Edmund's

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

Wednesday 8th January

8.30am Stepping Stones Toddler Group reopens @ St Alban's.

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

7.00pm Scripture through Art on zoom. The incarnation of Christ

Thursday 9th January

9:30am Eucharist @ St Edmund's

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

11am Steady, Strong and Able is back at St Edmund's

12noon Over 60s lunch at St Edmund's followed by bin

Friday 10th January

8.30am St Edz's Toddler Group reopens @ St Edmund's

10am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's



A Prayer for Epiphany

Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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Coming up

This coming week things begin to reopen after the Christmas break. The toddler group at each church start up again – this coming **Wednesday the 8th January at St Albans and Friday the 10th at St Edmund's**. And St Alban's Community Hub reopens this coming **Tuesday the 7th January**. Please do support these community initiatives by telling people about them and, as the year progresses, maybe consider if you might be able to help in some small way.

The Scripture in Art house group on zoom also begins again this coming **Wednesday evening at 7pm**. For a while we'll be following the lectionary and looking at Scripture and Art (hence the title!) depicting key stories in the church year – and we begin with the Incarnation. Do join us if you can – it's gentle, a nice way to learn more about key events and teachings of our faith, and lasts for about an hour.

You may or may not know that **our local councillors hold their surgeries in our two churches on a monthly basis**. On the first Saturday of each month, they are at St Edmund's between eleven and twelve, and, on the third Saturday, they are at St Alban's, also between eleven and twelve. It's a drop in session so no appointment is needed.

January is always a battle isn't it with the dark nights and colds and viruses. But fear not...we come to brighten your days. On **Saturday the 1st February at 6pm, at St Alban's**, we are holding **a social evening**. So save the date – there will be a supper, a raffle and, hold the front page, a chance to provide our own entertainment. Maybe you could read a poem, sing a song, tell a joke. Save the date and have a think about what you (alone or with others) might do.