



East Dartford Benefice  
St Edmund &  
St Alban  
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## **SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

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



**Next Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before lent**

*10.30am: Holy Communion @ St Alban's*  
*10.30am: Morning Prayer @ St Edmund's*

*4pm: Messy Church @ St Alban's*

# Diary

## THIS COMING WEEK

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

10am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

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 12<sup>th</sup> February

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

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

7.00pm Scripture through Art on zoom – 'Daniel in the Lions' Den'.

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

9:30am Eucharist @ St Edmund's

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

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

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

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

10.00am Drop-in Café @ St Edmund's

Loving God,

We pray for older people in our churches and in our communities. We ask your blessing on them and give thanks for all they do and all they are. We give thanks for grandparents, and for those who play the part of grandparents to those around them who do not receive the nurturing care of the extended family. Thank you for those who are willing to be 'family' to others and thank you for the family that is our Church. **Amen**

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## St Edmund's – Giving

### St Edmund PCC Dartford

Metro Bank

Sort Code 23-05-80

Account No. 46339673

## St Alban's – Giving

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### St Albans Parochial Church Council

The Co-Operative Bank

Sort Code 08-90-36

Account No. 50004739

## East Dartford Benefice – Giving

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### East Dartford Benefice

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Account No. 48471757

Thank you for your donations which are so important to us.

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## Contact us

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## Coming up...

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The toddler group at each of our two churches is on **Wednesday mornings @ St Albans and Friday mornings @ St Edmund's**. And we also have St Alban's Community Hub every **Tuesday morning**. 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.

**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.

And don't forget on the morning of the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month** we have Knit and Natter at St Alban's. You'd be made very welcome so why not try it? **Men's brunch is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month too.**

IN March, **our boot fayres will be returning** – look out for that!

**Messy Church** is back. This month it is at **4pm on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> February @ St Alban's**. All are welcome. And helpers would be greatly appreciated.

The **parish magazine, 2Gather, is out now**. Many of you will have received it by email but please do take a hard copy to give to others. It's bursting with articles and information. Thank you Debbie for all of your work with this.

## A call for volunteers

Together with Porchlight we have signed up and are currently receiving food donations from our local Co-Op shops. This is bread/flowers and other items which are at the end of their display before date.

The food is being put out at St Edmund's with a request for donations and is proving very popular with visitors to the building and we are even getting some donations, which we are putting towards the foodbank. We would also like to have food available at the St Alban's Community Café (Tuesdays) and Toddler Group (Wednesdays) if we can get help to pick-up.

Pick-up is available from the Co-Ops after 8pm and needs to be either brought into church, or kept in the car and brought in the next morning. We pick up from the following shops: Chastillian Road, Temple Hill Square, Oldfield Place and Colney Road, it takes about 1 hour to collect from all stores.

Would you be able to commit to picking up one night a week and bring it into church?

Please let us know if you can help. Many thanks, Debbie

