



# St Edward the Confessor

The Parish Church of Romford  
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## Welcome to St Edward's!

The Order of Service for the Sung Eucharist is found in 'The Eucharist' booklet. Today's Hymns, Collect and Readings are found in the accompanying-coloured sheet.  
QR codes for you to access the 08:00 and 10:00 services via your phone are available on the reverse of this sheet.

### Services & Special Events this Week

#### **Tuesday 27 January**

10:00 Caterpillars

#### **Wednesday 28 January**

09.00 Morning Prayer  
10:00 Said Eucharist

#### **Thursday 29 January**

09.00 Morning Prayer  
09:30 Play Group  
13:30 Phoenix Club

**Sunday 25 January**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Giving Sunday**  
08:00 Said Eucharist  
10:00 Sung Eucharist  
*Readings:* *Jeremiah 1: 4-10*  
*Acts 9: 1-22*  
*Matthew 19:27-end*

**Vicar:**  
Fr Jordan Palmer

**Retired Priest:**  
Fr David Perry

**Parish Administrator:**  
Mrs Angela Butt

**Church Wardens:**  
Mrs Alex Quinn  
Mrs Johanna Hardy

**Friday 30 January**  
09.00 Morning Prayer  
13:10 Said Eucharist  
18:00 No Choir Practice

**Saturday 31 January**  
11:00 Christingle preparations  
14:00 Lumos

**Sunday 1 February**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
**CANDLEMAS-CHRISTINGLE**  
08:00 Said Eucharist  
10:00 Sung Eucharist  
*Readings:* *Isaiah 60: 1-3*  
*Psalm 24: 7-10*  
*Luke 2: 22-40*

## Notices

### **Dedication**

The Crib Figures displayed at the Altar were hand-carved by Christians living in Bethlehem. They were donated by the Stirk family with gratitude to St Edwards and in loving memory of David Stirk, a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather and in loving memory of Alan Leach, a much-loved husband, father, grandfather and organist at St Edward's

### **Book Sales – 8<sup>th</sup> February**

For one Sunday only, Sue Enoch is running a ½ price book stall at the back of church between the 8am & 10am service and after the 10am Service... Take a look and bag a bargain.

### **Mini Tabletop Sale – TODAY**

Many thanks for all your kind donations of unwanted Christmas Gifts. Please stay to browse the stall and pick up some bargains. Lets see how much we can make this year. Thank you for your support!

### **Quiz Afternoon – 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Our Quiz afternoon is back on 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 4:30. Doors will open at 4pm. Tickets are £10, bring your own food and drink. Tables of 6 – 8 are recommended. Prizes to be won, raffle and heads and tails game.

### **Parents Please Note Junior Church Drop-off and Collection.**

Please drop your child off at **Church House**, where the Junior Church team will be waiting to **sign your child in**. You will receive a card with your child's name — **please keep hold of this and return it when collecting your child**.

**Collection will not be at Church House.** Children will be brought into the church toward the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. Please go the **back area of Church** to collect your child by returning the card given. Collection will happen during the *Agnus Dei* (when the servers form a semi-circle at the front), so that you can receive the Holy Eucharist or a blessing together as a family, and release the Junior Church team to rejoin theirs.

### **Regular Giving**

Our Church needs your financial support in the best way for you. Payments can be made:

- Direct payment to the Stewardship bank account. If you are a taxpayer, please sign a one-off Gift Aid form, which increases your donation by 25%.
- Cash or cheque. Please use the white envelopes at the back of the Church with a Gift Aid form on them.
- Credit card. Donations by C.C. can be made on our website or by using the machines at the back of Church. Gift Aid can be claimed on these payments if you complete a white envelope with your name, address, and the amount given, and then place it in the pillar box underneath the Card Machine.

Forms and information are available from David Hawker. [Stedsromfordstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:Stedsromfordstewardship@gmail.com)

### **Upcoming dates for your diary:**

**25<sup>th</sup> January @ 9am & 11am – MINI TABLE TOP SALE at the back of Church**

**31<sup>st</sup> January – various showings – LUMOS LIVE – see their website.**

**8<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am & 11am – Book Sale at the back of Church**

**8<sup>th</sup> February @ 18:30 – Choral evensong** (with the choir of Chelmsford Cathedral)

**21<sup>st</sup> March @ 4:00 – St Edward's Quiz Evening**

## **A Note of Thanks**

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to **Robert Macdowall** for his careful and skilled work in restoring our **1834 Prayer Book**. We are deeply grateful for the time, attention, and craftsmanship he has given in helping us preserve one of the treasures of St Edward's. With thanks, **Fr Jordan**

## **Giving Sunday**

This Sunday is our **Giving Sunday**, and I want to say clearly from the outset: this is **not** about pressure, guilt, or obligation. It *is* about honesty and openness. Church does not run on good intentions alone. Behind our worship, our pastoral care, our children's work, our music, our buildings, our welcome, and our presence in Romford, there are very real costs. All of it enables the life of this church to continue and to grow. Giving Sunday is a moment to pause and say: *this is how the Church works, this is what it needs, and this is what generosity makes possible*. More than that, giving is about **belonging and vision**. When we give — whether regularly or occasionally, financially or through time and gifts — we are saying, *this is my church, and I want to be part of where God is leading it*. *Thank you — for your presence, your prayers, and all the ways you already give.* Fr. Jordan

## **Christingle Preparation Volunteers Needed**

We are meeting in church on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 11am** to prepare the Christingle oranges and we would like to invite any volunteers to come and join us. This should hopefully take no longer than 2 hours. It's good fun, and plenty of tea, coffees and biscuits will be provided!

## **Lumos Live are back on 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Lumos are back in the church on 31<sup>st</sup> January with 3 shows. Please go to their website for details and to book tickets.

## **Please remember in your prayers:**

### **The Sick**

Susan Holland, Jane Uxford, Peter Blass, Faith Lewis, John Wolfe, Faye Nunn, Sarah Slade, Andy McGill, Helen Brown, Sue and Bob, Lucas, Stuart Norman, Baby William Rutland, Carole Avery, Cath Avey, Christine Cogan, Jonathan Venner, Pamela Clark, Martin Crean, Emily, Issac Ribbons, Matthew Venner, Peter Quinn.

### **The Departed**

Those who have died recently, especially Carley Steadman, and all those whose anniversary occurs about this time, especially Frederic Steenberghe.

**May all the faithful departed in Christ rest in peace □ and rise in glory.**

The **Parish Office** is open **Tuesday – Friday 09:00 - 13:00** for telephone enquiries only. Enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, the Wykeham Hall, or other matters may be made during those hours or at any time via email. If you would like to discuss any topic, large or small, with the Vicar, please contact:

The Parish Office, Church House, Market Place, Romford RM1 3AB

Tel: 01708 744973 Email: [Office@stedwardsromford.com](mailto:Office@stedwardsromford.com)

## QR Codes

### Facebook Page



If you are new to St. Edward's and would like to be added to our e-mailing list, then please complete contact details and pass to one of the clergy or sides people. Please feel free to let us know if there is anything else you would like help with. Thank you.

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