

Future dates

Messy Drop in is now every Thursday 3.00pm to 4.30pm Eats, drinks, games. An informal space after school. Please invite anyone you know who may like to stop by.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 26th February. There will be services at St Ed's at 10.15am and 7.00pm with the imposition of ashes

Messy Church our next Messy Church is on Thursday 27th February at 3.00pm.

Lent Quiet Morning will be at St Peter's Ringland on Saturday 29th February, for a time of reflection and refreshing. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of church. Everyone is welcome.

Intercessions Training will be on Saturday 4th April (9.30pm to 12.30pm) Please see Rev Phil for details

Nicene Creed have you wondered about the words of the creed we say some Sundays? There are study mornings on 8th and 15th Feb at the Cathedral. Details in church

Hexachordia are returning to St Peter's on Saturday 6th June for a spring concert. Please put the date in your diary!

If you are new....

It is great to see you at St Ed's today. If you are able to, please join us for coffee after the service. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Prayer Ministry

.....is available every Sunday after the 10.30am service in the Chancel. Please feel free to come and talk if you would like to, and our prayer team will welcome you.

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer Stella Noons, at midday1940@gmail.com or visit the Diocesan Safeguarding web pages www.dioceseofnorwich.org/training/safeguarding for further information.

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Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

Sharing Jesus in our Community

Sunday 2nd February 2020



Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God:
"Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace.
With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples:
A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel."
Luke 2 : 28 – 32



St Edmund's Church Taverham

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Prayer for this week

Sabbath Blessing

May this day bring Sabbath rest to my heart and my home.

May God's image in me be restored, and my imagination in God be re-stored.

May the gravity of material things be lightened, and the relativity of time slow down.

May I know grace to embrace my own finite smallness in the arms of God's infinite greatness.

May God's Word feed me and His Spirit lead me into the week and into the life to come.

From Lectio365

What's on this week

Sunday	11.00pm	Holy Communion at Ringland
Monday	5.00pm	Prayers in church
Tuesday	8.45am	Tuesday at St Ed's
	11.45am	Alpha gathering
	3.00pm	Rspace
	7.30pm	Meditation with Compline
Wednesday	10.15am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Prayers in church
Thursday	3.00pm	Messy Drop - in
	5.00pm	Prayers in church

Readings :

Luke 2 : 22 - 40

Thought for this week



"Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light, Like a little candle burning in the night; In this world of darkness, we must shine, You in your small corner, and I in mine."

These words penned by Susan B Warner in 1864, may for some of us, rekindle memories of Sunday School days way back, but they are more than just a twee song. This Sunday celebrates the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, where we bump into Simeon and Anna.

This elderly Spirit led pair, suddenly appear on the scene in this moment, for this moment. Like them, God calls us to be faithful in the waiting, so that when our moment comes, we too can be in the right place, at the right time for God. Simeon speaks of Jesus being a light for all people, that light is given to us, to spread.

Like Simeon, as we allow the Holy Spirit to enable us to shine with God's clear, pure light, in our small corner, then God's light will burn bright in the world.

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This week's headlines

Jars of Joy How are your jars going? It's not too late to start a jar for 2020 if you would like to. We're writing our joys during the year and placing them in the jar, and we'll bring them to the Epiphany service next year. The Lord brings us so much joy in our lives, it is good to celebrate.

Foodbank AdLent Calendar Foodbank have developed a calendar for each day in Lent with suggestions for food and prayer ideas for Foodbank's work. Copies are at the back of church.

Junior School Bibles If you would like to make a contribution to Bibles for the Year 3's there is an envelope in the vestry. Thank you!

Confirmation If you or someone you know would like to take this wonderful step, please speak to one of the clergy.

Things to pray for

Give thanks for the joys the Lord brings into our lives

For our nation and for wisdom, compassion and hope for unity amongst our leaders

For the truth of the Bible to be upheld in our churches