

What's on this week

Monday	5.00pm	Prayers in church
Tuesday	8.45am	Tuesday at St Ed's
	11.45am	Alpha gathering
	3.00pm	Rspace
	4.30pm	Grace and More
	7.30pm	Meditation with Compline
Wednesday	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Lent course
	5.00pm	Prayers in church
Thursday	10.30am	Eastlands
	3.00pm	Messy drop – in
Friday	9.00am	Year 3 RE Day

Future dates

Maundy Thursday everyone is invited to the annual Chrism Eucharist at the Cathedral is on Thursday 9th April at 11.00am. Also the Commemoration of the Last Supper will be held at St Ed's at 7.30pm followed by the all night vigil. There is a sign- up sheet at the back of church if you would like to join in with the vigil.

Hexachordia are returning to St Peter's, Ringland on Saturday 6th June for a spring concert of Mediaeval music. Tickets will soon be available.

Confirmation Our Confirmation service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 27th September with the Bishop of Norwich.

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

15th March 2020



“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

John 5 : 13 - 14



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Prayer for this week

Dear Lord,
life ambushes us, it's the nature of things.
This broken world side-tracks and distracts
us, it is full of traps, temptations and
terrors,
and we fall at times,
frequently, daily, sometimes hour by hour.
It's the nature of us.
We are flawed, fragile, frantic beings,
hungry for satisfaction, for a quick fix, for
an escape.
Have mercy on us, O God, according to
your extraordinary love;
according to your kindness, compassion
and crucified grace.
Please deal with our wrongdoing,
remove the stains, heal the past, and lift
the guilt. We offer you all that we are -
our mistakes, our falling short, our regrets,
our strengths and weaknesses, disasters
and triumphs.
Our moments of following you, and our
moments of meandering.
We are wayward people, but because of
you, we are not lost,
Forgiveness is possible, hope is on the
agenda,
and a fresh start is offered to us, each
minute, each hour, each day.
Because of you, because of your love,
and because of all you have done.
We thank you,
in the name of your compassionate,
courageous son.

(Dave Hopwood)

Thought for this week

Our Gospel reading today is about a woman who experienced tragedy in her life, but thankfully she also experienced an encounter with Jesus - the one who met her deepest needs; the one who knew her by name.

I'm sure the following words would have resonated with her - and hopefully with us too.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you walk through the waters I'll be
with you
You will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you
You will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming
Then remember I am at your side.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father
And I love you with a perfect love.

The encounter with Jesus at the well,
resulting in a relationship with him, was
for this woman, living water - water that
didn't merely quench her thirst, but gave
her a whole new sense of being known
and loved.

Stella

This week's headlines

Mary Williams Mary attended the 10.30am service for several years. Sadly she has now died and her funeral will be at St Faiths on Friday 20th at 12.30pm

Palm Sunday services as a first Sunday we are trying a new pattern of services on 5th April. We will have an 8.00am Holy Communion, a 9.30am traditional Service of the Word (no communion), an 11.00am Celebration service which will be very informal and child – friendly, and an 11.00am Communion service at Ringland. We will then decide whether this will be a pattern for future first Sundays

Electoral Roll revision if you would like to join the St Ed's Electoral Roll please ask Paul or a Churchwarden

Tools With a Mission Please bring any tools to church by the end of March. Thank you!

Junior School Bibles I will be ordering the Bibles for the Year 3's next Sunday (22nd March). If you would like to make a contribution there is an envelope in the vestry. Thank you! Paul

Things to pray for For our hospital and doctors' surgeries and all medical staff at this time of extreme pressure