

## Future dates

**Lent course** this year's course from Embrace will be at 11.30am in the chancel each Wednesday for an hour starting 4<sup>th</sup> March. The title is 'Journey to the Cross', and looks at some of the people Jesus encountered on His journey to the Cross. It also features the work of Embrace with marginalised people across the Middle East. Everyone is welcome.

**World Day of Prayer** on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March this year will be at St Ed's. at 1.30pm (light lunch from 12.00pm) This year's theme is 'Praying with Zimbabwe'.

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

**Hexachordia** are returning to St Peter's, Ringland on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June for a spring concert of Mediaeval music. Tickets will soon be available. Please put the date in your diary!

**Confirmation** Our Confirmation service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September with the Bishop of Norwich. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who would like to be Confirmed. Please speak to one of the clergy for more details.

## 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](mailto:midday1940@gmail.com) or visit the Diocesan Safeguarding web pages [www.dioceseofnorwich.org/training/safeguarding](http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/training/safeguarding) for further information.

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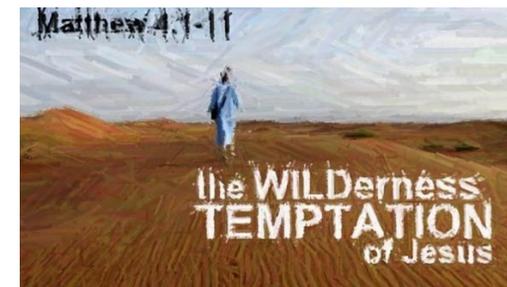
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# Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

Sharing Jesus in our Community

1<sup>st</sup> March 2020



Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Matthew 4 : 1 - 3

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## Prayer for this week

God, you know better than we the temptations that will bring us down. Grant that our love for you may protect us from all foolish and corrupt desire. Praise to you our God; you answer prayer. Amen.

(From New Zealand Prayer Book)

## What's on this week

Sunday	1.00pm	Baptism
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
	11.30am	Lent course
	5.00pm	Prayers in church
Thursday	3.00pm	Messy drop - in
Friday	12.00	World Day of Prayer lunch
	1.30pm	World Day of Prayer service

## Readings :

Matthew 4 : 1 – 11

## Thought for this week



*“Lent is not an event.  
It is not something  
that happens to us.  
It is at most a microcosm of what  
turns out to be a lifelong journey to  
the centre of the self.*

*The purpose of Lent  
is to confront us with ourselves  
in a way that's conscious and  
purposeful,  
that enables us to deal with the rest  
of life well.*

*It is not a “penitential season.”  
It is a growing season.  
It requires us to determine what is  
worth dying for in our own lives  
and what it may be necessary for us  
to become  
if we really want to live.*

Joan Chittister, OSB, A Growing Season

## This week's headlines

**Thank you!** To everyone who came to have a pancake at St Ed's on Tuesday. We raised £93 for Christian Aid, which brings our total so far this year to £404!

**Tools With a Mission** We're making a collection again of items to donate to Tools With a Mission. Lists are at the back of the church with what they are looking for. For more information their web address is [www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk). Any queries or to donate items please contact David Scarff 742715.

**2019 Annual accounts for St Ed's** have been completed and are now available from our Treasurer. Please ask for a copy. Granville would be very happy to deal with any questions.

**Junior School Bibles** I will be ordering the Bibles for the Year 3's in three weeks' time (22<sup>nd</sup> March). If you would like to make a contribution there is an envelope in the vestry. Thank you! Paul

**Rspace** If you are interested in providing a Vegan meal for 10 people please let Paul know.

## Things to pray for

That we may grow as a church and as individuals in faith and discipleship