

Our Churches are open!

We are keeping St Edmund's and St Peter's open during the Coronavirus crisis for prayer and for a quiet place to come.

We have set up a prayer station to pray for hope and healing for the world and a prayer box for specific prayer requests.

Whilst we are adhering to the guidelines of the Church of England and the Government members (under 70 years old) of the Ministry team are meeting at 12.00 and 5.00pm each day at St Ed's to pray for our community, our world and for specific prayer requests.

Please feel free to use the church at other times to be still and know the Lord's presence. St Peter's, Ringland is also open each day between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

Foodbank the poorest and most vulnerable people in our city need food more desperately than ever during the crisis. The Foodbank bin is still being emptied each week, and we are enormously grateful for any contributions of non – perishable food. Thank you for your kindness!

Reading today : Exodus 2 : 1 - 10

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.

Our Facebook page

Our Facebook page has now become a key way of reaching our community and offering prayer support and ideas.

In addition to constant updates and prayers we will also be livestreaming an act of worship from the church each Sunday morning at 10.30am.

The first was this Sunday (22nd). You can view this still on our Facebook page. Please also share your thoughts with our Facebook community at St Edmund's and St Peter's

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Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

Sharing Jesus in our Community

22nd March 2020



Trust in Jesus

“When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth.”

Genesis 9 : 16



St Edmund's Church Taverham

www.achurchnearyou.com/taverham

Prayers for this week

Dear Lord,
As we worship in these strange days,
may we be united in your love for us and
for your whole world. Thank you for our
life together at St Edmund's. May our
worship today reflect your love and fill us
with love, joy and peace that only you
can give. In Jesus Name we pray.
Amen.

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and then us back to you again
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Help us Lord, to be open to meeting you
in unexpected situations and people;
to recognise your presence and
welcome you, to rejoice in it.
In the uncertainty and turbulence of life,
help us find your peace,
your call amid the storm,
and to journey onward with you.
And may the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit,
fill us, our loved ones and the whole
world, now and forever.
Amen.

Thought for this week

Our reading from Exodus tells us of Moses' early life. Of his mother having to make the unbelievably hard decision to risk her baby in a home – made boat cast onto the Nile.

Yet as a mother even in this seemingly tragic situation the baby's boat was carefully crafted with papyrus, and water – proofed with bitumen and pitch. Moses' mother cared for her baby and did her utmost, and it was through this care that the Lord was able to save Moses.

The carefully crafted first Moses' basket mirrors an earlier boat of rescue. The ark tasked by Noah, also sealed with pitch, that carried his family to safety, rescued by the Lord to a new beginning.

So the Lord gave the sign of a rainbow for His protection and rescue and the promise of a new beginning.

With the virus we are experiencing such unusual and challenging days, days I believe largely of our own making. We are called to look now to the Lord for rescue and hope, to turn back to Him, in repentance, to receive His cleansing and a right relationship with Him.

Jesus is the Lord who has won for us salvation, rescue and new life. He is faithful, and receives all those who turn to Him in faith.
Paul

Giving during the Coronavirus crisis

We are continuing to do all we can to serve our community in the love of Jesus and in His power and hope.

We would greatly appreciate your continuing support. If you normally contribute through envelopes on a Sunday, please consider changing to a Standing Order.

St Edmund's Bank details are :

Name of account : Taverham PCC

Sort Code : 20 – 62 – 68

Account number : 80881600

Bank : Barclays Drayton

If you would like to continue giving through envelopes or loose change, these can be dropped through the letterbox of The Rectory at 173 Taverham Road.

Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Things to pray for

For all those who need to know the love of the Father, the Peace Jesus brings, and healing through the Holy Spirit.