

## Future dates

**Lent course** this year's course from Embrace has started and will be at 11.30am in the chancel each Wednesday for an hour. 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.

**Maundy Thursday** everyone is invited to the annual Christ Eucharist and renewal of ordination vows at the Cathedral on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Please sign 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 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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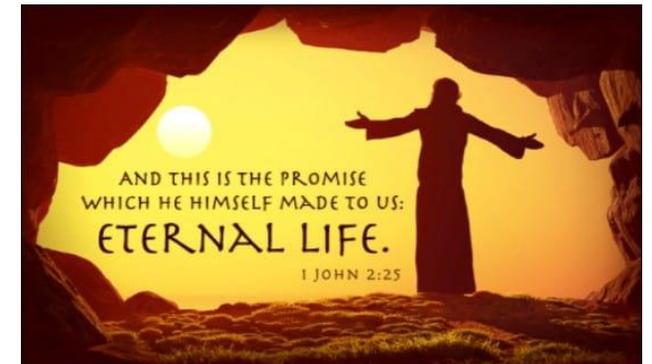
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# Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

Sharing Jesus in our Community

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020



“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3 : 17

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## Prayer for this week

For those affected by Coronavirus :

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## What's on this week

Sunday	11.00am	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
	7.30pm	PCC at Trinity
Wednesday	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Lent course
	5.00pm	Prayers in church
Thursday	1.00pm	RE Day planning
	3.00pm	Messy drop - in

## Readings :

Genesis 12 : 1 – 4a  
Romans 4 : 1 – 5, 13 – 17  
John 3 : 1 - 17

## Thought for this week

John's Gospel records Jesus telling Nicodemus that he must be "born again". It is hardly surprising that Nicodemus misunderstands Him! I don't remember being born the first time. My earliest memories were as a toddler riding my tricycle around Wanstead and Leytonstone, in East London.

However, I do remember being born the second time, which came in two phases. Once as a teenager and later the awareness and outflowing of The Holy Spirit.

Have you been born again and do people notice? I recall someone saying if you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Sobering thoughts. However, every day we can show the love of Jesus to those we encounter.

Nicodemus was transformed from a night visitor to a bold speaker of truth and of compassionate heart.

May we be similarly transformed as we grow from second birth to Christian maturity.

**Granville**

## This week's headlines

**Edwardes College, Peshawar, Pakistan** was founded by CMS in the Victorian era and continues as a Christian centre of Education in Pakistan. The Government is under pressure reduce the influence of this Christian centre. Please pray for this situation and for the plight and witness of the Christians in Pakistan.

**Tools With a Mission** We're making a collection again of items to donate to Tools With a Mission. 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 two 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

## Things to pray for

For the church in Pakistan, for tolerance, cooperation and hope.