Church opening for worship
We are attempting a trial service today for a very limited number of invited people. If this is successful we hope to repeat this and expand on the worship we will be able to provide in the building. The livestreams will all continue.

Cycle for your church
Sat 12 September
9.00 am - 5.00 pm
A fun day out for all, stopping off at as many churches and Chapels as you can! Join a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation. PLUS you can join with others in your parish to win £1,000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation.

Write the Gospels

Recently I came across an invitation to handcopy the gospel of Luke as a way to prayerfully enter more deeply into words that we are either very familiar with or may not know at all. Just 10 verses a day - it's a long journey! If you would like to join me that would be great. Please message me via the St Ed's Facebook page if you'd like any further information. Rachel.

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.

Giving during the Coronavirus crisis

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 Parochial Church Council (Please note there is a space between each of these words)
Sort Code : 20 – 62 – 68
Account number : 80881600
Bank : Barclays Drayton

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Rev Phil 07545 968435

Churchwardens
Sue Beevor 01603 869772
Sue Charnock 01603 864577
Graham Harris (Assistant)

Administrator Sophie Thomson

Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

Sharing Jesus in our Community

5th July 2020

"Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light." Matthew 11 : 28 – 30

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Prayers for this week

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

On the anniversary of the NHS :
God of healing and compassion,
we thank you for the establishment of the National Health Service,
and for the dedication of all
who work in it:
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who care for the sick,
and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research.
Strengthen all in their vocation through your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Things to pray for :

For all those who work in the NHS and in Social Care
For those in hospital and those receiving treatment
For those who suffer from discrimination and prejudice in all its forms
Bible reading : Matthew 11 : 16 – 19; 25 – 30

Thought for the week
I wonder how we would have felt at the beginning of this year if someone had told us we would have three and a half months off – from everything. From busyness and meetings and travelling and expectations, and even shopping!

Yet I think most people have found the lockdown hard. For most of us we have had to reinvent our lives. Yet we have learnt a great deal along the way, and maybe learnt what we took as normal was by no means the best for us, our family and our world.

Jesus tells us following Him brings lightness and freedom and a new beginning. But it is by no means the easy way. It involves sacrifice, and re – learning who we are, discovering the truth of who we really are in fact. It involves a responsibility for the world, and living daily in a way that reveals the Lord's love and the truth of who Jesus is.

Yet Jesus' way is the best way. In fact He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He offers us the way of life in Him, true life through the Cross and a turning away from sin. It is the way of forgiveness and life and freedom to live the Lord's life in us, through the Holy Spirit. Let us receive Jesus' promise today, and rest in the knowledge of His love. **Paul**

A new Assistant Church Warden!
It is customary at the Annual Meeting every year for the Church Wardens to announce who they have invited to be Deputy. Val Hooker has done a brilliant job and we are very grateful for all she has contributed. Now she is an Ordinand, the Churchwardens have invited Graham Harris to be their Assistant, and he has accepted. Welcome Graham! We are so grateful

Our Livestreams
We will continue to use the following weekly pattern, even after 4th July :

Every Sunday : 9.30am Rev Phil
11.00am Rev Paul
6.30pm Rachel
Every Wednesday
10.30am Rev Phil/Rev Paul
9.00pm Rachel

Also online :
Tuesdays 10.00 am - 11.15 am Zoom coffee morning contact midday1940@gmail.com and Stella will give you details. Or join using the Zoom code : 317 328 9088

'Keep Singing' Jane Moore's weekly thoughts 'Keep Singing,'. Please email her at jane.cox255@gmail.com

Rspace Zoom for teenagers every Tuesday at 7.00pm. Details Rev Paul