

Services in church We are continuing to hold small services, The dates are :

16th August (9.30 indoors St Ed's)
23rd August (11.00am Ringland)
30th August (9.30am indoors St Ed's)

The sign-up sheets are now all at the back of church. The livestreams are all continuing.



Cycle for your church

Sat 12 September

9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Join a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which

also raises money for their repair and preservation. Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation. **Cycle Ride Registration** : can be online this year through norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk We also have a limited number of paper copies in St Ed's.

St Ed's donation for Beirut After a suggestion and vote at Standing Committee St Ed's have sent a donation of £250 from our Charitable Giving contingency to the Christian Aid Lebanon Appeal for relief in Beirut after the terrible explosion

Birthdays! Many Happy Returns to Martin Harris, Val Hooker, Poppy Merrin, Gill Charnock and Rev Harold Smith.

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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Graham Harris (Assistant)

Administrator Sophie Thomson

Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

Sharing Jesus in our Community

16th and 23rd August 2020



“Son of David!” she cried out. “Have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in a terrible condition.” But Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples came to him and begged him, “Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!”

Matthew 15 : 22-23



St Edmund's Church Taverham

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Prayer for this week On the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day

God our Father, in the dying and rising of your Son Jesus Christ, you have brought life and salvation out of cruelty and death.

We mark Victory in Japan in gratitude for the courage of the Allied forces who suffered for freedom in the Far East campaign

and in sorrow for all that hinders the coming of your kingdom of peace. Give us wisdom to learn from the bitter memories of war, and hearts that long for the unity of all nations.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, in whom there is no east or west, no north or south, but one fellowship of love across the whole earth. Amen.

VJ Day Cathedral service

A special digital service this weekend to mark the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in the Second World War, Norwich Cathedral will be commemorating this anniversary this weekend with a special online act of Sunday worship – A Service of Remembrance and Commitment to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War – published on the Norwich Cathedral Services YouTube Channel from today (16th).

Bible reading: Matthew 15 : 21 - 28

Thought for the week

It springs up surprisingly. Grows in the harshest of places and circumstances. It clings, hangs on to life, draws strength when needed, persists and even breaks through barriers and obstacles.....faith in Jesus. Faith that perseveres. Faith that wins through because Jesus has broken through into hope and life for us.

In our Gospel reading a woman persists in her faith despite all the obstacles. Even the disciples want Jesus to have nothing to do with her. Yet she is driven in desperation for her daughter, and she knows Jesus can heal. Her faith is revealed in how she addresses Jesus. Not just Rabbi, or master, but "Lord, Son of David". Faith that Jesus is the Lord, the Messiah. That He holds all power and all love. He is God Himself.

Her faith encourages Jesus, and challenges the disciples. She is after all in Jewish terms an outsider. Yet her faith in Jesus is real.

We should never underestimate how our faith can encourage others. Paul writes, *Therefore encourage one another and build one another up*, (1 Thess 5:11). If Jesus was encouraged by her faith, how much more are we by each other's faith. Let us speak of prayers answered, and faith received, so we can encourage one another. **Paul**

Our Livestreams

Broadcast through our Facebook page St Edmund's Church Taverham. We will continue to use the following weekly pattern :

Every Sunday : 9.30am Rev Phil
 11.00am Rev Paul
 6.30pm Rachel

Every Wednesday
 10.30am Rev Phil/Rev Paul
 9.00pm Rachel

Post lockdown celebration/exhibition

Jane Moore is organising an exhibition to celebrate our individual creativity and activity during the lockdown. Further details from Jane

Paul and Rachel will be on leave from 18th August onwards. Any urgent matters can be referred to the Churchwardens as appropriate.

Diana Jones' Funeral is on Monday 17th August at 11.30am at St Ed's. The limit of 30 people means only Diana's family and invited friends are able to attend. However at 12.10pm members of the St Ed's congregation are invited outside the church for a prayer immediately after the service. In addition before the service the hearse will pass along Rossons Road for her neighbours to remember Diana and pay their respects.