

Services in church Sign up sheets are at the back of church for our services on Christmas Day. The church will also be open each day for private prayer from Monday 20th.



Care Homes Thank you so much to everyone for your kindness and generosity. The bags have been greatly appreciated by those who received them.

Nativity scenes display Sadly in the light of the Government's announcements and the rising number of virus cases we have decided to postpone the Nativity scenes display until next year. We are disappointed, but our priority is to keep everyone safe.

An Appeal We have launched an appeal for the money needed for St Peter's for investigation works into the structure of the building, and for the annual payment for the roof alarm. Any help is very much appreciated after this difficult year. Further details of the appeal is available at St Ed's.

Congratulations! Rev Phil drew the Cake Raffle and it was won by an extremely happy Jean Weikert! It made £55 thanks to Connie Harris baking the cake and Sue Elmes' efforts selling the tickets.

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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vicarattaverham@gmail.com

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Sue Beevor 01603 869772
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Graham Harris (Assistant)

Administrator Sophie Thomson

Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

Sharing Jesus in our Community

20th December 2020



The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Luke 1 : 35

 St Edmund's Church Taverham

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Prayer for this week

Eternal God,
As Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
So we wait for his coming in glory;
Bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
To see, with her, our great salvation
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you! Many thanks to Daphne Secker for her hard work and all the money she has raised for St. Ed's and St Peter's from making lots of facemasks during the pandemic which is hugely appreciated.

Thank you also to Sally Ellis who made £80 from the sale of her wonderful Christmas cards and has donated half to St Ed's. Thank you!

Christian Aid Carols Many congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part in the Christian Aid livestream on Friday 18th. It was a wonderful and moving event, and for many our only chance to hear live Carols this year. There are Christian Aid envelopes at the back of church that can be used for donations. If you have friends, family or neighbours who would be interested in having an envelope please take an envelope for them.

Bible reading : Luke 1 : 26 - 38

Thought for this week

We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to our nativity scene at the front of church, with the stable scene and the great star. It is a wonderful reminder of the miracle of God's love that is the Nativity, and the coming of Jesus into our hurting world with healing and peace.

Tomorrow (Monday 21st) there is to be a Great Conjunction in the sky of Saturn and Jupiter. It is a rare event that will create one big light in the sky. A Christmas star to end 2020. I reminder of the Lord's Light and hope shining in the birth of Jesus.

Things coming together, even in a time of chaos and difficult news. The birth of Jesus is the coming together of the faithful promises of the Lord with the brokenness of our human need. The coming together of our hopes and fears with the power and love of the Lord who speaks into our lives.

As we remember the obedience and faithfulness of Mary, we remember how we are called to play our part in the unfolding story that is Jesus' love in our world today. Mary who was so humble, yet carried the living Word into our world. As we witness to Jesus we are doing the same. **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 Communion
 11.15am Rev Paul
 6.30pm Sunday Club

Every Tuesday 10.00am Tiny Tunes

Every Wednesday
 10.30am Rev Phil/Rev Paul
 9.00pm Rachel's Ramblings

Every Saturday 9.00pm Prayers
 together

Church Online from the Church of England at 9.00am every Sunday morning a service of Holy Communion from churches and ministers all over the UK, available through the C of E website : www.churchofengland.org. Highly recommended!

Paul and Rachel are having to isolate this week after contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid. We are all well (no symptoms). We will continue to isolate until Boxing Day, but will appear on various livestreams. We hope and pray you will all have a peace- filled and hopeful Christmas. The Lord bless you.