

**Services in church** We received a message from the Bishop on Christmas Eve advising churches as we begin Tier 4. The church will be open each day for private prayer. Our priority is for safety as the infection rate continues to rise, and it is likely physical services will not be able to start again for some weeks. Our livestreams will continue.

### **12 Days of Christmas encouragement**

Bishop Graham has launched a series through social media with twelve local contributors from across the diocese offering a thought on ideas to offer support to those who are lonely, isolated or who need their spirits lifting, starting on Christmas Day. You are able to access them via all the diocesan social media channels; on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

**Confirmation** we are intending to hold a livestreamed Confirmation service on January 10<sup>th</sup>, time to be confirmed. Please hold the candidates in your prayers at this time.

**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.

## **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.

## **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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# Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

Sharing Jesus in our Community

27<sup>th</sup> December 2020



This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.    John 21 : 24 - 25



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## Prayer for this week

Grant, O Lord we pray  
That the Word made flesh  
proclaimed by your apostle John  
may, by the celebration  
of these holy mysteries,  
ever abide and live within us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.

**Thank you!** Paul, Rachel, Rev Phil and the ministry team would like to thank everyone for their very kind cards, good wishes and gifts over the Christmas period. Your support is greatly appreciated as we seek to grow the Kingdom in our communities.

**Thank you!** To everyone who contributed to our Christmas services and to everyone who worked so hard to decorate our churches. It is wonderful that through the Lord's grace we were still able to witness to the miracle of Jesus' birth even in these difficult times. Thank you to everyone who enabled us to witness in this way.

**Paul and Rachel** "We have now ended our period of isolation. We praise the Lord that we are well and have remained well. Thank you for your prayers for our family".

**Bible reading : John 21 : 19b - end**

## Thought for this week

Reflecting on the apostle and evangelist John's ministry today is a reminder of who Jesus is. As we celebrate Jesus' birth and the truth of God come amongst us, John reveals the whole of Jesus' ministry in his Gospel and his relationship with Jesus.

Our Gospel reading for today comes from the very end of John's Gospel, reminding us of how the baby born in Bethlehem grew to be a man, who lived a fully human life as well as being divine, who showed His love in countless ways, and finally went to the Cross in the greatest act of self – giving ever for our salvation.

Every part of Jesus' life reveals the whole story, because He is the child born to us who is our Saviour, our Lord and our King. Every part of His life, from His birth to His death and to His Resurrection, reveals His love for us, and how His love is a sacrificial, life – giving love for the whole world.

This is who Jesus is. The baby in the manger. The teacher and healer. The prophet and King. The one who died on the Cross and was raised from the dead. His love is for each of us. The love that has come down from heaven. The love that calls us to know Him and to believe.

**Paul**

## Our Livestreams

Broadcast through our Facebook page St Edmund's Church Taverham. We will resume the following weekly pattern from 3<sup>rd</sup> January:

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](http://www.churchofengland.org). Highly recommended!

## Sale of craft and Christmas Decorations

raised an amazing £615. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed items for sale and to Sue Elmes for organising the sale. Connie's Christmas Cake raised £55, Daphne's Masks and Christmas Gifts £317 and Frances' Stained Glass £63. £80 came in donations and £100 for the Christmas Decorations for the Food Ministry.