

**Services in church** along with so many other churches we have reluctantly suspended our services in church. However the church is alive! Our pastoral work is continuing as we are more and more available to the needs of our community. The church is open each day for private prayer and our livestreams continue. At this time it is a privilege to serve Jesus in the different ways He is calling each of us to be His church in which we all play a part.

**Confirmation** Unfortunately our Confirmation service has now been postponed until 7<sup>th</sup> February at 11.15am. It will be a livestreamed service. Please hold the candidates in your prayers at this time.

**Christian Aid** Thank you so much to everyone who donated to Christian Aid over Christmas. We raised £115.47 at St Ed's (separate donations were made through the Christian Aid website for the Carol service). The envelopes will stay in church during January.

**St Peter's Appeal** Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to the Appeal for St Peter's for the investigation works into the structure of the building. We have raised an amazing £5,500 of the £8,500 needed. The appeal will continue until March. Thank you so much for your support.

## 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

10<sup>th</sup> January 2021



And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 1 : 10 - 11



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## Prayer for this week

Eternal Father  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed Him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again  
by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling  
as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
Amen

## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**2021** is 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January. This will be reflected in our worship and our prayers during that week. Materials have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. and are available to download through the website : [week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/](http://week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/)

**Bishop Jonathan's retirement** On Sunday 24 January at 3.30pm, as a diocese we will bid farewell to Bishop Jonathan. Bishop Jonathan will preach at a service which will be live streamed from Norwich Cathedral. This will be available through the Diocesan website.

**Bible reading : Mark 1 : 4 - 11**

## Thought of the week

Jesus' Baptism is virtually at the beginning of Mark's Gospel. We hear of the ministry of John the Baptist, and then immediately the affirmation of Jesus by the Father in the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is a rare moment where the Trinity is revealed, and marks the beginning of all that Jesus came to do as our Saviour, teacher and Lord.

Whilst the lockdown is taking effect, and January is often slow anyway, we have this reminder that the Kingdom of Jesus is unstoppable. That the Lord's work is growing. That our prayers are always vital, and that though the days are short and cold, the fire of the Holy Spirit burns brightly in the hearts of the Lord's people.

As we pray for the challenges of this time, especially for our NHS, schools and Care Homes, we have this affirmation of who Jesus is, and all He has come to do and is doing in changing people's lives and calling us back to Him in hope and love.

We are even baptised ourselves in Jesus' name, and we live in the world as His people. Now more than ever we are called to pray in His name, and proclaim Jesus the Good News. In this difficult time Jesus is bringing His hope, joy and freedom.

**Paul**

## Our Livestreams

Broadcast through our Facebook page St Edmund's Church Taverham. We will follow this weekly pattern for January and February:

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  
                                 5.00pm Evening Prayers

**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!



**Lent begins** on 17<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday). We will be livestreaming a service of spiritual Communion at 10.30am and we livestream Evening Prayers at 5.00pm, as we begin to make the journey of Lent together.