

Services in church While we are in Tier 4 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.

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

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.

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 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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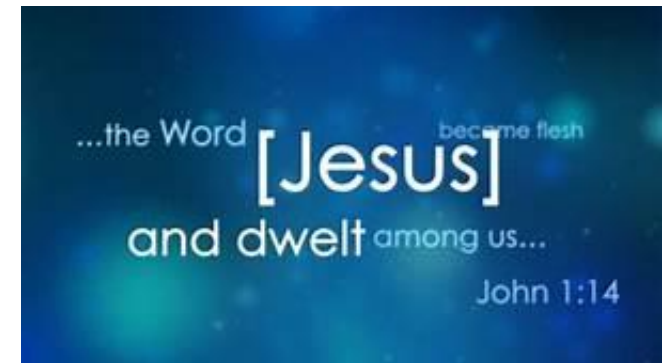
Graham Harris (Assistant)

Administrator Sophie Thomson

Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

Sharing Jesus in our Community

3rd January 2021



He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

John 1 : 10



St Edmund's Church Taverham

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Prayer for this week

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of
your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his
love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen.

Children's Society Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the Christingle appeal for the Children's Society. So far £135.08 has been sent and further donations are being received. We will close the appeal on Sunday 17th January.

Christian Aid Thank you to everyone for donations and prayers for Christian Aid, which have contributed so much to the incredibly valuable work they carry out with the poorest people in the world. Envelopes are still available and will continue to be available as we move towards Lent (which begins on 17th February).

Bible reading : John 1 : 10 – 18

Thought for this week

In these socially distanced times our Gospel reading seems even more powerful and counter – cultural than ever. That Jesus came from heaven. That He came to truly share our life. That His divinity met with our humanity in compassion and love. No words are adequate or come close to the words of the Gospel writer John, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us".

As we say the words Happy New Year to one another we know we are still having to keep our distance. We're still having to restrict our contact with one another. Having to sanitise and hide our faces, and reserve personal space.

Yet our Gospel reading speaks of the nature of the Lord's love for us that does not need screens or masks or distance, but a coming close, a sharing even, literally the Lord pitching His tent and making His dwelling among us.

The Lord promises much more than a happy new year. Jesus offers us Himself, to know we can trust in Him, know His care and protection, know His presence with us, receive His forgiveness and new life through the Cross and His sacrifice. Jesus calls us into a lifetime of belonging to Him and believing in Him. That is to be happy indeed!

Paul

Our Livestreams

Broadcast through our Facebook page St Edmund's Church Taverham. We will resume the following weekly pattern from 3rd 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. Highly recommended!



Epiphany is on Wednesday 6th January 2021. Our usual livestream at 10.30am will include readings and prayers for Epiphany and the

visit of the Wise Men. The figures will be added to the Crib in church then.