

**Congratulations to Beth, Leo and Daisy** from Mustard Tree who were baptised yesterday. It was a very special time.

**Tescos Drayton** we have stones to decorate at St Ed's in aid of Hall School. If you would like to take a stone to decorate, there is a suggested donation of at least £1. Both Tescos and ourselves have been involved with a family whose children attend the school.

**Confirmation** we are likely to have a Confirmation service in the new year. Please speak to Rev Paul if you or someone you know is interested

**Stella N is Skydiving!** On the 4th September I will be Skydiving from Beccles airfield. It is in celebration of my 85th year. I am fundraising for Tapping House Hospice who looked after my sister and the family at the end of her life. They were great in giving her total respect and were so kind to the family. There is a sponsorship form in church, or you can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking here [https://www.justgiving.com/page/stella-noons-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=EM](https://www.justgiving.com/page/stella-noons-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM)

**Paul and Rachel will be on leave** for two weeks from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Any matters needing attention can be referred to the Churchwardens or members of the clergy

### Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor  
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01603 882345 Address: Safeguarding Team, Bishop's House, Norwich, NR3 1SB.  
Or visit the Diocesan web pages:  
[www.dioceseofnorwich.org/training/safeguarding](http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/training/safeguarding) for further information.

### Financial giving to our life and ministry

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 : Barclays**  
**Account number: 80881600**



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# Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

10<sup>th</sup> August 2025



“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. Luke 12 : 35 – 36

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## Prayers for this week

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty  
protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ, Amen

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from  
despair,  
that we may trust in you alone; Amen

## Readings this week

Genesis 15 : 1 - 6

Hebrews 11 : 1 – 3, 8 - 16

Luke 12 : 32 - 40

## People to pray for

For those encountering changes in their  
lives

For those on holiday or travelling

For those working in the NHS

## Thought for this week



Our Gospel reading this week features a master returning from a wedding celebration, expecting his servants to be ready to let him in and to serve him, no matter how late the hour.

We are in the wedding season, and it is a real privilege to be involved in the wedding day of couples and their families. Days that have involved weeks of preparation and anticipation.

Jesus speaks of us being ready to receive Him when he returns. He will one day come again to the earth in glory. He will come as Saviour and Judge, and all truth will be revealed.

In the meantime we are called to be ready. In Revelation Jesus says of Himself, 'See I stand at the door and knock'. We make ourselves ready now by opening the door to Jesus now. To receive His love and listen to His voice. Receive His promise of forgiveness and new life. We are called to lay aside our fears and anxieties, and receive Him into our lives. The true joy of belonging to Him.

**Paul**

## What's on

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Mustard Tree Church  
11.15am Livestream service  
Monday 11.00am Burial of ashes  
5.00pm Prayers  
Tuesday 10.30am Tuesdays at St Ed's  
6.00pm Rspace  
Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion  
Thursday 9.00am Caretaking team in  
church  
7.00pm Compline at St Ed's  
Friday 9.30am Arts Group at Trinity  
Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Church  
11.15am Holy Communion

## Our Livestreams continue as follows :

Every Sunday 11.15am Livestream team  
(except 1<sup>st</sup> of month)

## St Peter's Ringland

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am Service at  
St Peter's

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August The Gathering,  
3.00pm to 5.00pm

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am Harvest  
and dedication of Eleni