

Tescos Drayton we are supporting Tescos Drayton in their appeal for Hall School, by decorating stones!. Please take a stone to decorate, there is a suggested donation of at least £1. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with our community!

Frances' Licensing All are welcome to the Cathedral at 10.30am on 20th September for Frances' Licensing to serve as an LLM at St. Edmund's and St. Peter's. We will also celebrate at the 11.15am Service on 21st

Sondra's Thanksgiving service will be on Monday (18th) at St Ed's at 11.30am, following a brief Committal service at St Faiths at 10.30am

Stella N is Skydiving! On the 4th September I will be Skydiving 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. There is a sponsorship form in church, or you can donate to their JustGiving page here 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 19th 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
: safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org
01603 882345 Address: Safeguarding Team, Bishop's House, Norwich, NR3 1SB.
Or visit the Diocesan web pages:
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

17th & 24th August 2025



Jesus said, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

Luke 12 : 49



St Edmund's Church Taverham
www.achurchnearyou.com/taverham

Prayers for this week

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings this week

Jeremiah 23 : 23 - 29
Hebrews 11 : 29 – 12 : 2
Luke 12 : 49 - 56

People to pray for

For the children and school staff on
holiday, for rest and safety for them

For those who are housebound, or in
Care Homes

For our hospital undergoing staff reviews,
and all those affected

Thought for this week

The wildfires across Southern Europe this
year have been more prolific than ever.
They are unpredictable, difficult to
control, they spread rapidly, and cause
fear and panic especially for those who
are not used to them. For many this will
be an enduring image of summer. Yet
Jesus speaks of bringing fire to the earth.
It is the image of something that spreads
without limits. Of a force that is powerful,
unstoppable. Jesus' meaning is
completely different to the destructive
pictures we are seeing.

Jesus' Kingdom is unstoppable. It brings
truth, breaks down walls, drives through
greed or deceit, cannot be resisted by
merely human powers or constructions.
Jesus speaks about bringing fire and
division. In other words turning the
human world upside down. Bringing
purity and hope in place of darkness
and despair. Bringing freedom.

These are hard words from Jesus. Yet this
is the Lord's love confronting the sin of
our world. This is Jesus confronting the
turmoil and pain of our world today,
which we are so acutely aware of in our
news. This is Jesus' love that does not
hold back, but who even took the fire
upon Himself on the cross, so we might
each have the offer of forgiveness. Jesus
who embraced death, so that we might
have new life in Him. **Paul**

What's on

Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Church
11.15am Holy Communion
Monday 11.30am Thanksgiving service
for Sondra Cummins
5.00pm Prayers
Tuesday 10.30am Tuesdays at St Ed's
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 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Mustard Tree Church
11.15am Service of the Word

Our Livestreams continue as follows :

Every Sunday 11.15am Livestream team
(except 1st of month)

St Peter's Ringland

Sunday 24th August The Gathering,
3.00pm to 5.00pm

Sunday 14th September 10.30am Harvest
and dedication of Eleni

Sunday 28th September The Gathering,
3.00pm to 5.00pm