Tescos Drayton stones appeal for Hall School Thank you to everyone who contributed by painting stones or donating. An amazing total of £1,450 was raised by Tescos towards a minibus and we were able to contribute a significant sum, and contributed stones. Thank you to everyone who took part.

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

Stella N is Skydiving! On the 4th September I will be Skydiving in celebration of my 85th year in support for Tapping House Hospice who looked after my sister at the end of her life. There is a sponsorship form in church, or you can donate to their JustGiving page

Bibles for children we aim to donate Bibles to the Year 3's before Christmas. Any donations would be very gratefully received!

Annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride is on Saturday 13th September. Molly and Polly are again cycling for St Ed's, and Rev Paul is planning a coastal walk for St Peter's. If anyone would like to join Rev Paul please let him know.

Safeguarding

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.

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Financial giving to our life and ministry St Edmund's Bank details are:

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Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham

31st August 2025



Then he turned to his host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbours. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you." Luke 14:12-14

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Prayers for this week

O God, you declare your almighty power

most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,

that we, running the way of your commandments,

may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;

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

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings this week

Proverbs 25:6-7

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1.7-14

People to pray for

For children, staff and parents as the new year and new term begins

For all those meeting with Jesus for the first time

Some thoughts for this week

In our Gospel reading Jesus accepts a dinner invitation from a Pharisee, but He is being 'carefully watched'. Jesus goes on to speak about true hospitality being from God's heart of love. These are some prayers written on this theme:

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places.

Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;

let us greet strangers as angels you have sent! Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table and welcome others with radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.

Rev. Christopher Ney, and posted on website. http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-15.html

Hospitality Prayer

Holy God,

hospitality does not always come easily. There are so many other things to do, important things.

I have responsibilities that get in the way of my best intentions.

Give me eyes to see that possibilities and a heart big enough

to make room for someone else. Amen. aneno Huandikwa Kwa Choo. Posted https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=17539025253

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What's on

Sunday 8.00am Morning Prayer 10.30am Combined service

Monday 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

12.15pm Prayer Spaces at the Junior School

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 1st of month)

St Peter's Ringland

Sunay 14th September 10.30am Harvest and dedication of Eleni

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

Bishop's Certificate

Bishop Graham has launched a new certificate in Christian Learning for anyone seeking to explore, learn and discuss Christianity. Further details from BishopsCertificate@cathedral.org.uk