Shoebox appeal is upon us! (service on 2nd November) Leaflets are in church. If you have spare shoeboxes please kindly leave them at the back of church. We will be in church on Wednesday 29th October from 2.00pm to 5.00pm to make up shoeboxes using any donated loose items. Please join us!

Today is Bible Sunday if you would like to join one of our Bible studies please speak to Rev Paul

The Glebe – the grassy area at the front of church, is closed from today, to protect the surface. Please use the Junior School car park each Sunday from now – many thanks.

Bibles for children the Year 3 children love to receive their Bibles each year. They are coming into church on 5th December. They will then have the Bibles to read of Jesus' Nativity themselves. Any donations would be very gratefully received! Rev Paul

Christmas Fair - Saturday 29th November 12 midday to 3pm. Please keep this day free so you can be part of the fun and consider helping too! (for at least part of the time). There will be a sign-up sheet for this. Tombola, bottle, raffle prizes are needed and also toys, books and jigsaws. More information from Sue Elmes and Sue Beevor

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/safequarding 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

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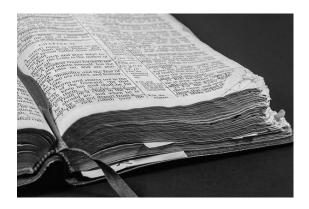
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St Ed's needs...a new Treasurer, a Safeguarding officer, and someone to coordinate the shoebox appeal in September and October each year. Please pray that the Lord will call people for these roles. (could it be you?)

Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham and St Peter's Ringland

26th October 2025



You have given your commandments as a sure path for us, and your decrees for our richest delight. You have given your Covenant so that we may have life in its fullness, and the urgings of your Spirit for our attentive listening to your word.

Psalm 119:9-16

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Prayer for this week

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest

them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word.

we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We praise the Lord and give thanks for...

For the Bibles we have, and those we are able to give to others

For all those who study, preach, translate, distribute, and communicate the truth of the Bible

Readings this week

Psalm 65; Joel 2:23 – end Luke 18:9 - 14

Some thoughts for this week

The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel is a breathtaking reminder of the majesty and power of the Lord over and above our frail human selves. Yet at the centre of Michaelangelo's vision rests the father reaching out to bring life to Adam, just as in His compassion He brings His healing, hope, forgiveness and strength to everyone who will receive from Him.

It was moving to see King Charles and Pope Leo coming together to pray. Both with considerable influence, yet both coming humbly in the Chapel's surroundings. A reminder they are just human. Completely dependent as we all are of the Lord's grace in our lives, His mercy and His love.

In our Gospel reading Jesus presents us with two characters. One is confident of his standing with God. That he has fulfilled all the statutory requirements. The other penitent. Knowing that he brings nothing of his own in asking for the Lord's forgiveness and help.

Scripture is a gift and a blessing where the Lord speaks into each of our lives day by day. In every situation we hear and read of the Lord's kindness and love, and are challenged when that is most needed. As we reflect on God's word today, let us give thanks for His word, and for Jesus His Living Word. **Paul**

What's on

Sunday 8.00am Holy communion 9.30am Mustard Tree Church

11.15am Service of the Word, followed by prayers for healing

Monday 5.00pm Prayers

Tuesday 9.00am Kairos Prayer

for prisons begins

10.30am Tuesdays at St Ed's

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

2.00pm Shoebox making in

church

5.00pm Prayers

Thursday 9.00am Caretaking team in

church

7.00pm Compline at St Ed's

Friday 9.30am Arts Group at Trinity

Sunday Shoebox Sunday

9.30am Mustard Tree Church11.15am Holy Communion

Our Livestreams continue as follows:

Sundays: 11.15am Livestream team on 2^{nd} (in church) and 4^{th} Sundays each month

St Peter's Ringland

Sunday 26th October 3.00pm The Gathering

Sunday 9th November 10.30am Service for Remembrance