

Christingle making please come and join us at St Ed's on Tuesday 23rd December from 12.30pm to 3.30pm to make Christingles. Everyone welcome, even for a short time!

Christmas services :

At St Peter's : each day CHRISTmas Space – with refreshments, all age quiet activities, rest and reflect 10.00am to 3.00pm

Christmas Eve Carol Service 6.30pm

At St Edmund's :

Sunday 21st Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm, traditional Bible readings and carols

Tuesday 23rd Tiny Tunes Christmas 10.00am, for babies, toddlers and all ages – tea and coffee, a chance to chat

Christmas Eve Christingle service: 3.30pm (in person and livestream) and 5.00pm (in person); Please book to attend in person for the 3.30pm - midday1940@gmail.com

St Edmund's Midnight Communion: 11.00pm, a traditional communion service

Christmas Day Family Christmas Communion - 10:00am, informal, fun, lively

If you are new.... It is great to see you today. If you are able to, please speak to a member of the ministry team. We look forward to getting to know you!

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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St Ed's needs...a new Treasurer, and a Safeguarding officer. Details from our Churchwardens David and Sue

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

21st & 28th December 2025



This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1 : 18 – 19



St Edmund's Church Taverham
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Prayer for this week

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings this week

Isaiah 7 : 10 - 16

Romans 1 : 1 - 7

Matthew 1 : 18 - end

We praise the Lord and give thanks ...

For the work of our Local Foodbank
which has now closed, for all the time,
energy and care poured in by Sarah –
Jane Douglas and Gerry Munday, for all
they have achieved over the past six
years



The waiting is nearly over. Christmas Day is looming large on the horizon. The next few days will be filled with last minute preparations before we finally breathe deeply. Whether we are ready or not Christmas will come!

However we are feeling about Christmas, whether we love it or dread it, whether we are ready or not, there is Good News, the best news. Joy has come into the world.

Jesus is born into a world where things are sometimes good, sometimes bad, sometimes easy, sometimes hard, sometimes straightforward, sometimes complex.

That Jesus is born into the reality of life with all its many facets is Good News. Into the Mess of the world comes the Message of hope that has been there since the dawn of time. This is the Message of God's infinite love, grace peace and joy given to us in Jesus the Messiah - Emmanuel, God with us. This is deep joy for the whole world that goes beyond all that fades away.

Happy Christmas!

Rachel

Thank You! To everyone who decorated the church for the Christmas celebrations. It looks wonderful as we welcome everyone to join us.

What's on

Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Nativity
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service

Monday 5.00pm Prayers
Tuesday 10.30am Tuesdays at St Ed's
12.30pm Christingle making

Christmas Eve 3.30pm Christingle
5.00pm Christingle
11.00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Communion

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Mustard Tree
Holy Communion
11.15am Service of the Word

Monday 5.00pm Prayers
Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
Thursday 7.00pm Compline

Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Church
11.15am Holy Communion

St Peter's Ringland

each day to 2nd January CHRISTmas Space – with refreshments, mindful activities for all ages, peace and quiet 10.00am to 3.00pm

Christmas Eve Carol Service 6.30pm