

**Christingle making** please come and join us at St Ed's on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>** Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm, traditional Bible readings and carols

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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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**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

21<sup>st</sup>& 28<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> January** CHRISTmas  
Space – with refreshments, mindful  
activities for all ages, peace and quiet  
10.00am to 3.00pm

**Christmas Eve** Carol Service 6.30pm