

Bereavement service will be at St Ed's today (14th) at 3.00pm where we will light candles and read out the names of our loved ones. If you would like to join there is a sheet at the back of church for the names of loved ones to be read out in church.

Open air carols will be at 6.30pm this Friday (19th) in front of church. Everyone welcome. If you would like to help in any way, please let Rev Paul know.

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!

Used stamps Robert and Anita would be very grateful for your used stamps from Christmas mail for the MS Society

Easyfundraising is a great way to support St Ed's while you are shopping online and costs nothing! To join, just follow the link below and type in 'St Edmund's Church Taverham in 'Search Cause' <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/>

Dorothy Bruce's service will be at 10.30am on Wednesday 7th January at St Ed's, with a thanksgiving for her life

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

14th December 2025



Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen — the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." And he added, "God blesses those who do not fall away because of me. Matthew 11 : 4 - 6



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Prayer for this week

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your
messenger to prepare your way before
you: grant that the ministers and stewards
of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready
your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the
world we may be found an acceptable
people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the
Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the
way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings this week

Isaiah 35 : 1 - 10
James 5 : 7 - 10
Matthew 11 : 2 – 11

We praise the Lord and give thanks ...

For the wonderful school visits at St Ed's
recently, for the children and staff

Some thoughts for this week

Many people have a favourite Christmas
carol. For me there is a line in O Little
town of Bethlehem that resounds each
year, 'the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight'.

Each year this is true. What are our hopes,
our expectations, our plans for Christmas
this year? Even John the Baptist, the
forerunner of Jesus, wasn't sure (he was,
like us, only human). He sent a message
to Jesus asking if He was the one, or
should they expect another? John had
expected dramatic features of the
Messiah's coming along with everyone
else at the time. Yet Jesus came in such a
surprising way, and in His ministry
revealed the Kingdom not through
revenge on enemies, judgement and
force, but through compassion and
healing, mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus turns all our expectations upside
down. As we prepare for Christmas we
focus on Jesus who became the least of
all. The abundance of God's love
revealed by becoming the smallest of all,
a tiny human child.

Jesus reveals the sheer greatness and
infinite vastness of God's love and mercy
that for each of us always exceeds all we
can ever expect or hope for.

Paul

What's on

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Mustard Tree Church
11.15am Livestream service
3.00pm Bereavement service
Monday 9.00am Year 6's visit
5.00pm Prayers
Tuesday 10.30am Tuesdays at St Ed's
1.30pm Nightingale rehearsal
7.30pm Taverham Band Carol
Concert (ticket only)
Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
2.00pm Sunnycroft service
2.00pm Nightingale nativity
5.00pm Prayers
Thursday 9.00am Caretaking team in
church
12.30pm 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 Nativity
11.15am Holy Communion

Our Livestreams:

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

St Peter's Ringland

Sunday 14th December 10.30am Holy
Communion at Ringland Village Hall

Sunday 20th Coffee morning 11.00am to
1.0pm, followed by CHRISTmas

Christmas Eve Carol Service 6.30pm