

**Christmas Fair** thank you to everyone who helped with the Fair, especially Sue Elmes, Dan, Sue B, Ann Coker, David and Linda and the planning team. We met with many people from our community, and raised an amazing £1,740.94. Thank you!

**Christingle making** please come and join us at St Ed's on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 12.30pm to make Christingles. Everyone welcome!

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

**Brian Smith's service** will be at St Ed's on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm

**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/>

**Bereavement service** will be at St Ed's at 3.00pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 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.

**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**

### **Contact details :**

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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

7<sup>th</sup> December 2025



John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. Matthew 3 : 4 - 6

 St Edmund's Church Taverham  
[www.achurchnearyou.com/taverham](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/taverham)

### **Prayer for this week**

Almighty God,  
you sent your servant John the Baptist  
to prepare the way for the coming of  
your Son;  
grant that those  
who proclaim your word  
may so guide our feet  
into the way of peace,  
that we may stand with confidence  
before him  
when he comes in his glorious kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our  
Redeemer. Amen.

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen

### **Readings this week**

Isaiah 11 : 1 - 10  
Romans 15 : 4 - 13  
Matthew 3 : 1 - 12

### **We praise the Lord and give thanks ...**

For the children who come to Prayer  
Spaces, for their openness in faith and  
the enthusiasm they bring

For those who find peace and Jesus'  
comfort in our churches at this time

### **Some thoughts for this week**

The message of John the Baptist is  
challenging in every generation. The call  
to return to the Lord's ways of truth,  
justice and peace.

A call to repentance. Yet repentance is  
such a positive, healing thing. A move of  
the Holy Spirit to return to who we are  
made to be. Who we truly are.

The leaves have almost gone from the  
trees now as Winter sets in. Soon the  
branches will be bare. Yet we know the  
seeds, bulbs, roots safely in the ground  
will shoot again. Because of the Winter,  
Spring will be able to flourish and make  
new.

Jesus has won for us forgiveness and  
new life in Him. What do we need to  
rediscover in this season of Advent  
about who we truly are? How can we  
renew our awareness of being made in  
God's image. What do we need to lay  
aside in others' views of us, and the lies  
of the world? How can we reclaim the  
truth of being made in Jesus' own  
image?

Repentance leads to faith and  
discovering the true treasure of Jesus'  
Kingdom. Let us welcome the Holy Spirit  
in all He longs to do in our lives, and  
rediscover Jesus' love and true freedom.

**Paul**

### **What's on**

Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Church  
11.15am Holy Communion  
Monday 10.30am Two Acres service  
5.00pm Prayers  
Tuesday 10.30am Tuesdays at St Ed's  
6.00pm Rspace  
Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion  
1.00pm Brian Smith's funeral  
in church  
5.00pm Prayers  
6.30pm Chat Cafe  
Thursday 9.00am Caretaking team in  
church  
12.30pm Prayer Spaces at the  
Junior School  
7.00pm Compline at St Ed's  
Friday 9.00am TJS Year 5's visit  
9.30am Arts Group at Trinity  
Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Mustard Tree Church  
11.15am Holy Communion

**Our Livestreams** continue as follows :  
Sundays : 11.15am Livestream team on  
2<sup>nd</sup> (in church) and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each  
month

### **St Peter's Ringland**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am Holy  
Communion at Ringland Village Hall

Christmas Eve Carol Service 6.30pm