

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026
has featured in our worship and prayer times this week. It is a powerful reminder of the witness of the worldwide church especially amongst the many places of conflict and hardship. Our prayers continue for unity and for Christians persecuted for their faith

Confirmation Bishop Graham is coming to St Ed's on Sunday 22nd March to conduct a Confirmation service at 11.15am. If you would like to be Confirmed, or if you know someone who may be interested, please speak to one of the clergy.

Foodbank The Foodbank bin is back at St Ed's, and donations will be taken to the Norwich foodbank each week. We also have a box at the back of church for emergency supplies. If you would like to place items in this, they will then be available for anyone who comes into church seeking food.

The Bishop's Lent Appeal is raising money to help clergy children in Papua New Guinea in their education at the Martyrs Memorial School, Popondetta. There are fees to pay each year. Clergy families in PNG receive no stipend and are reliant on their congregations to support them with gifts.

Lent begins on 18th February with services at 10.30am and 7.00pm

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

25th January 2026



As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" Acts 9 : 3 - 4



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Prayers for this week

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant
Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his
wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your
truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the
poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings this week

Psalm 27
Acts 9 : 1 – 22
Luke 24

We praise the Lord and give thanks ...

For the snowdrops at the front of church,
and the signs of spring

For our fellowship with other Christians
and churches in our communities

Thoughts for this week

It's getting quite noticeably lighter for longer each day. The birds are singing loudly and the snowdrops at the front of church look amazing. It has been a roller coaster of a week with questions and fears on the global scene and maybe in our own personal lives too.

Matthew, in his gospel, quotes the prophet Isaiah, by saying, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.' It's a reading that we usually hear around Christmas as we think of the Light of Christ coming into the world. As our days get that bit longer, we can often feel a little more hopeful- that perhaps things may not be as bleak as we perceive them to be in the dark.

One of the psalms set for today is number 27. It begins with the words, 'The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom then shall I fear?' Wonderful words that reground us in the truth that we are never alone and God's love is the truth of our reality. The psalm ends with the words, 'I believe that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.' When the world seems dark and hard let us look for the light that shines- the presence of Jesus here and now and keep ourselves grounded in this reality - God is the Light and Salvation of our lives. Amen.

Rachel

What's on

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Mustard Tree
11.15am Service of the Word
Monday 8.30am Langley prayers
10.30am Two Acres service
5.00pm Prayers
Tuesday 10.00am Tuesdays at St Ed's
6.00pm Rspace
Wednesday 10.30pm Holy Communion
Thursday 9.00am Caretaking team in
church
12.30pm Prayer Spaces
in the Junior School
7.00pm Compline
Friday 9.30am Arts Group at Trinity
Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Church
11.15am Holy Communion

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

St Peter's Ringland

Sunday 25th January 3.00pm to 5.00pm
The Gathering – food, fun and fire pit.
All welcome.

Sunday 8th February 10.30am in the
Village Hall, followed by PCC meeting

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12.30pm