

Christmas collections We are still collecting towards the Children's Society. Collecting candles were given out at the Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. These can be returned up until 25th January.

The Bishop's Lent Appeal is raising money to help clergy children in Papua New Guinea to complete their education at the Martyrs Memorial School, just outside Popondetta. To raise enough money to send 1 clergy child to Martyrs Memorial School for 1 year. Tuition in schools in PNG is free, but as this school is a boarding school, there are fees to pay each year. Around £400 per pupil per year. Clergy families in PNG receive no stipend and are reliant on their congregations to support them with gifts of food and money. This money will help to provide and complete the education for 1 child. Children who are educated at the school go on into medicine, governance and teaching for example.

PCC meeting at St Ed's is on 12th January from 7.30pm in church. The meeting will be devoted to a time of prayer and worship

Lent begins on 18th February (Ash Wednesday) 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

11th January 2026



As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 3 : 16 – 17



St Edmund's Church Taverham

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Prayer for this week

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by
water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as
your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your
Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved
children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Readings this week

Isaiah 42 : 1 - 9
Acts 10 : 34 - 43
Matthew 3 : 13 - 17

We praise the Lord and give thanks ...

For our own Baptisms
For those coming to faith in Jesus or are
returning to church.
For the Lord's provision of the resources
we need for our ministry

Thoughts for this week

Jesus' baptism in Matthew's Gospel is
relayed to us in remarkably few words.
We have the introduction to who John
the Baptist is, and how he has come to
point the way to Jesus. And John
expresses his surprise that Jesus is asking
to be baptised. John knows who Jesus is.
Yet there is an immediacy to the Baptism
itself. Something that needs to happen,
in order for Jesus to begin His public
ministry.

So much of our ministry happens in the
moment. Without planning. As a surprise.
At this time of year many of us are
making plans, for visits and trips, maybe
courses, maybe stopping some things
and starting new ones.

Yet the Lord calls us to live in the
moment. To be mindful and aware of
the moment. Of God's grace and love
in the interactions of every day. For us to
live as God's people in this way we need
to be rooted in prayer, in opening the
Scriptures, in listening to the Holy Spirit. So
we can use each moment, and the
surprises that come our way.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit at every
moment. Yet he needed to be 'in tune'
constantly with the father's will, and live
each moment of each day. We are
called to follow Jesus' example, and live
in His power, His love and His grace **Paul**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

2026 18th to 26th January This year
Ephesians 4 v 1-13 is the central text, with
the words "There is one body and one
Spirit, just as you were called to the one
hope of your calling." Prayers and
reflections have been prepared by the
faithful of the Armenian Apostolic
(Orthodox) Church, the Armenian
Catholic and Evangelical Churches,
drawing upon centuries-old traditions of
prayer used by the Armenian people,
along with hymns from the ancient
monasteries and churches of Armenia.

What's on

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Mustard Tree
11.15am Livestream service
Monday 8.30am Langley Prayers
5.00pm Prayers
7.30pm PCC Worship
Tuesday 10.30am Tuesdays at St Ed's
6.00pm Rspace
Wednesday 10.30pm Holy Communion
2.00pm Funeral of Marion
Quantrill
Thursday 12.30pm Prayer Spaces
in the Junior School
Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Church
Holy Communion
11.15am Holy Communion

St Peter's Ringland

Sunday 8th February PCC meeting
12.30pm