

Thank You! To everyone who contributed to our Christmas services, our schools work and care Home visits. It has been wonderful to have a wide range of people taking part and leading our worship during Advent and the Christmas period. Thank you especially to all the children who have taken part in various ways.

Thank you St Ed's and St Peter's ministry team would like to thank everyone for your very kind thoughts, wishes and gifts over the Christmas period. Thank you so much. They are greatly appreciated!

Christmas collections we raised a wonderful £172.19 for Christian Aid at the Carol Service on 21st December. 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.

Tuesday mornings at St Ed's will begin again on 6th January. A warm welcome with hot drinks and pastries. Please invite your friends. Every Tuesday 10.00am till 12.00pm

Dorothy Bruce's service is on Wednesday 7th January at 10.30am. All welcome as we celebrate Dorothy's life and faith.

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

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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

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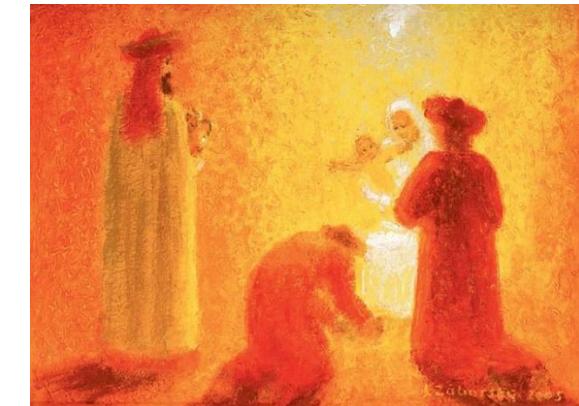
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St Ed's needs...a new Treasurer, and a Safeguarding officer. Details from our Churchwardens David and Sue

Welcome to St Edmund's Church Taverham and St Peter's Ringland

4th January 2026



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2 : 1 - 2



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Prayer for this week

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples
of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory
face to face;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord, Amen.

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings this week

Isaiah 60 : 1 – 6
Ephesians 3 : 1 - 12
Matthew 2 : 1 - 12

We praise the Lord and give thanks ...

For the many opportunities we have had
to proclaim the message of Jesus as
Saviour and Lord over the Advent and
Christmas period.

For our freedom in worship

For the faith of Christians who suffered
persecution over Christmas

Thoughts for this week

Matthew the Gospel writer's account of
the visit of the Wise Men is full of amazing
and wonderful things. Of cosmic signs of
Jesus' birth, truly lavish and rare gifts,
holy dreams of warning, of a despot
being incited to wrath by this new – born
King, and perhaps most wonderful of all,
the whole world waking to the
significance of Jesus' Coming, and the
beginning of hope and salvation for the
whole world.

In just twelve verses Old Testament
prophecies (Psalm 72, Isaiah 60) of
visitors bearing gifts are fulfilled. Yet the
visit of the Magi also opens the way to
the future. Of Jesus' birth heralding the
Kingdom, where true treasure is found,
and where the new things (Isaiah 43: 19)
are beginning.

The Wise Men leave, but they are not
gone from the story, because we are
now part of their story, the rich unfolding
of the Lord's mercy and grace through
faith in Jesus across the world today.
Through the visit of the Wise Men the
Lord opens the way to the future of the
Kingdom of Jesus. Of worship to Him,
and of us men, women and children of
all backgrounds and races offering the
Lord all that we have, so that His
Kingdom can grow in us and through us.
This is Jesus' Kingdom growing today.

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 that originated in the
ancient monasteries and churches of
Armenia, some of which date as far
back as the fourth century.

What's on

Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Church
11.15am Holy Communion
Monday 5.00pm Prayers
Tuesday 10.30am Tuesdays at St Ed's
6.00pm Rspace
Wednesday 10.30pm Funeral of
Dorothy Bruce in church
6.30pm Chat Café
Thursday 12.30pm Prayer Spaces
in the Junior School
Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Mustard Tree
Holy Communion
11.15am Livestream service

St Peter's Ringland

11th January 10.30am in the Village Hall