

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**Tuesday mornings at St Ed's** will begin again on 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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  
: [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 :**

Rev Paul Seabrook 01603 868217  
[vicar@stedmundstaverham.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stedmundstaverham.co.uk)

Rev Val Hooker 01603 746936;  
[revvalhooker@gmail.com](mailto:revvalhooker@gmail.com)

Churchwardens :

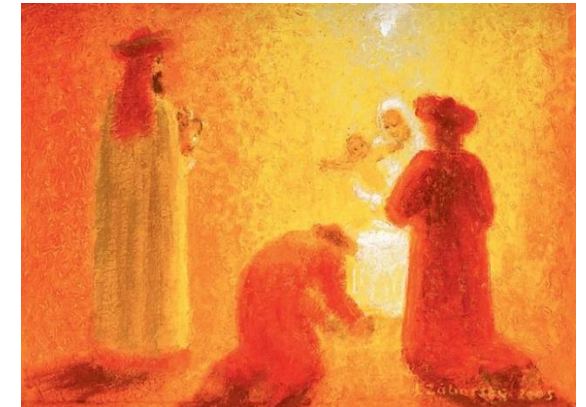
David Osborne  
01603 531806

Sue Beevor  
01603 322783

**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

4<sup>th</sup> January 2026



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 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

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

### 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** 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 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

11<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am in the Village Hall