

**Lent lunches** we will be sharing bread and soup on Sundays in Lent from 12.30pm. There will be the opportunity to make donations towards the Bishop's Lent Appeal for Papua New Guinea.

**World Day of Prayer** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm at Trinity Church, Thorpe Marriott. The service is open to everyone

**Mothering Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Children (with an adult) are invited to come to church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March between 3 and 4.30pm or Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March between 10am and 12pm to make posies and cards for their special person - probably Mum! - and also to give out at the services on Sunday to which everyone is welcome.

**Confirmation Bring & Share** the service on 22<sup>nd</sup> March will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. Any contributions of food will be gratefully received!

**Holy Week and Easter services** are on the noticeboards in church for St Ed's, St Peter's and the livestreams. For **Good Friday** the Churches Together service will be at 10.30am at St Margaret's Drayton and there will be a service of Reflection at St Peter's at 2.00pm. On Holy Saturday St Ed's will be open for a time of prayer from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Other services are as advertised.

**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**

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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

1<sup>st</sup> March 2026



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3 : 16 - 17

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## Prayer for this week

God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have life.

Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice.

Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

— Christine Longhurst, posted on the [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#) website.

## Readings this week

Genesis 12 : 1 – 4a

Romans 4 : 1 – 5, 13 - 17

John 3 : 1 - 17

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

For all our musicians, for their dedication and all they add to our worship and life together

For those being baptised, and those being Confirmed at this time

## Thoughts for this week

Nicodemus came to Jesus by night to ask his questions. He was a Pharisee, yet he was intrigued, disturbed, even challenged by Jesus. Did the answers lie outside the Pharisees own beliefs? Is there so much more to faith than keeping the law and following the rules? Did Jesus really come from God, and more than that, is God?

Nicodemus came by night so he would not be seen. Yet meeting with Jesus and allowing his heart and mind to be opened was life – changing. Later in John's Gospel, when Jesus' body was to be taken from the Cross, and His disciples are nowhere to be seen, Nicodemus comes and helps to lay His body in the tomb. Nicodemus has changed from hiding in darkness to publicly standing at the Cross, when others have fled.

Moreover the words Jesus spoke in His private encounter with Nicodemus are now proclaimed around the world, the heart of the Gospel. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life'.

We are each called to meet with Jesus and allow ourselves to be changed. As we do so, the whole world will know Jesus' salvation and hope. **Paul**

## What's on

Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Church  
11.15am Holy Communion  
12.30pm Lent Lunch  
2.00pm & 3.30pm Confirmation preparation

Monday 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  
12.15am Prayer Spaces in the Junior School  
5.30pm Confirmation preparation  
7.00pm Compline

Friday 9.30am Arts Group at Trinity

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Mustard Tree  
11.15am Livestream service  
12.30pm Lent lunch  
2.00pm & 3.30pm Confirmation preparation

## St Peter's Ringland

8<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am Service at Ringland village hall followed by 'Bring and share lunch'

The Gathering 29<sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm to 5.00pm for music, food, firepit, and fun

Good Friday 2.00pm Reflection with hymns

5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day 10.30am Informal Family Holy Communion