

**Lent Lunches /Bishop's Lent Appeal** we will continue to share 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.

**Confirmation Bring & Share** the service on 22<sup>nd</sup> March will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

**Holy Week and Easter services** are on the noticeboards in church for St Ed's, St Peter's and the livestreams.

On **Maundy Thursday** there will be the Commemoration of the Last Supper at St Ed's at 7.30pm

On **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. There will also be Mustard Tree Church at 4.00pm at St Ed's

On **Holy Saturday** St Ed's will be open for a time of prayer from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Other services, including **Easter Day**, are as advertised.

**APCM** our Annual meeting will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at St Ed's at 7.00pm. Nominations for PCC (our Church Council) would be gratefully received!

**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

15<sup>th</sup> March 2026



The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ... and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' Luke 2 : 33 – 35

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## Prayer for this week

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ,  
the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human  
family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power  
of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
Amen

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Readings this week

Colossians 3 : 12 - 17  
Luke 2 : 22 - 35

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

For those who have taken on  
motherhood roles in our lives

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

For the gift of children in our lives

## Thoughts for this week

Today is Mothering Sunday. Parenthood brings so many joys. Yet our reading from Luke's Gospel reminds us the experience of being a parent, of caring, nurturing, journeying with and ultimately allowing to let go of another human being also involves challenges, vulnerability, sometimes even pain.

The Psalms especially tell us the Lord as our heavenly parent finds joy in us. (Ps 18 : 19). Yet the Bible also tells us that relationship with the Lord, His ultimate commitment and love, also involves sacrifice from the Lord, especially when we choose our own way.

Today we can give thanks for motherhood across the world, and also pray for those mothers who are forced to worry for their children, suffer with them and even grieve for them.

Simeon in the temple took Jesus in his arms, knowing this was the light of the Lord come into our world. Yet Simeon's blessing was for the whole family, and he foretold to Mary the sword that would pierce her heart, looking to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the Cross. We give thanks for motherhood today. We also praise the Lord as our heavenly parent who bore both joy and pain in the Lord's limitless love for us in Jesus. **Paul**

## What's on

Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Communion  
11.15am Holy Communion  
12.30pm Lent Lunch  
2.00pm & 3.30pm Confirmation preparation  
Monday 10.00am Burial of ashes  
5.00pm Prayers  
Tuesday 10.00am Tuesdays at St Ed's  
6.00pm Rspace  
Wednesday 10.30pm Holy Communion  
2.00pm Sunnycroft Service  
Thursday 9.00am Caretaking team  
12.15am Prayer Spaces  
5.30pm Confirmation preparation  
7.00pm Compline  
Friday 9.00pm Year 3's in church  
9.30am Arts Group at Trinity  
6.30pm Confirmation rehearsal  
Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Mustard Tree breakfast  
11.15am Confirmation service  
12.30pm Bring and Share lunch

## St Peter's Ringland

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