

Pilgrim Paul has now journeyed onto Edinburgh after his three week stay with us. As before it has been a time of interesting and challenging conversations, and some fascinating links with the Orthodox Churches in our area. Please pray for his journey.

Year 6's Leavers Service happened at St Ed's on Friday, a very special time of prayer and thanksgiving on a momentous day for them. We were also able to distribute Bibles to them, for those who chose to take them. 77 children accepted Bibles! We praise Jesus for this special time.

Shoeboxes Brenda Clarke has very kindly taken on organising the shoeboxes this year, and the launch will be in September. Any spare Christmas wrapping paper or empty shoeboxes gratefully received! Thank you

Streams is an initiative from the Diocese encouraging us to share our stories of faith and the Lord's love in our lives. Further details about joining a group, from Rev Paul

Cursillo Are you interested in Cursillo? A Christian discipleship weekend held in September? Rev Stella 07815 089704
Treasurer please pray for the Lord to bring the right person to be our next Treasurer.

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

19th July 2026



Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

Matthew 13 : 24 - 26

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Prayer for this week

In you alone we put our hope,
God the Father, Creator and Sustainer,
who gives all good things
seen and unseen.
In you alone we put our hope,
God the Son, Saviour and Redeemer,
who died for our sins
and rose again.
In you alone we put our hope,
God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,
who moves us to sing
"Our God reigns!"
In you alone we put our hope.
~ written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and
Worship. <http://www.faithandworship.com>

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small
as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings this week

Isaiah 44 : 6 - 8
Romans 8 : 12 - 25
Matthew 13 : 24 – 30, 36 – 43

We give thanks for.....

Summer holidays
For God's word, the Bible
For those being married at this time

Thought for this week

In Matthew Chapter 13 Jesus gives us a whole range of parables. In each of them He is speaking about something precious amidst the very ordinary things.

There is a range of everyday activity here, from sowing, to gathering, to preparing food, to buying and selling. Pictures about human skills, and hopes, and choices that we all share. And into all this activity Jesus speaks words of the Kingdom. About the Lord's sovereign rule. About what is most precious. About the Kingdom that is so often seemingly hidden, and yet is unstoppable.

The parable this week is challenging. About the separation of the wicked from the righteous. It is uncompromising. Harsh even. Until we realise this is Jesus Himself speaking. The one who has brought the Kingdom into our lives. Who offers everyone His grace, His compassion. His love. The one who has brought all our choices together into one. To choose Him. To follow Jesus. To live in His life and in His hope.

Jesus is the one who offers each of us the Kingdom and eternal life in Him. Something so precious that begins now in the everyday when we choose Jesus.

Paul

What's on

Sunday 9.30am Mustard Tree Church
Holy Communion
11.15am Holy Communion
2.00pm Baptism
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
7.00pm Compline
Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Mustard Tree Church
11.15am Service of the Word
1.30pm Baptism

Our Livestreams continue as follows :
Sundays : 11.15am Livestream team on
2nd (in church) and 4th Sundays each
month

St Peter's Ringland

25th July Wedding of Adam and Becka

26th July 3.00pm The Gathering

9th August 10.30am St Peter's Café
Communion, followed by picnic

Prayers at St Ed's will continue through the summer months : Mondays 5.00pm, Wednesday mornings at 10:30 Holy Communion, Compline Thursdays 7.00pm. Please join us!