

Wonderful news! Sean and Charlotte's baby has arrived! Lily Frances Katherine Austin 8lb4 Born 2:57 am 24/7/26 We praise the Lord for this wonderful news.

Tuesday mornings at St Ed's is for all ages and meets over the summer with toys and games for children and their carers, and tea, coffee and pastries. All welcome!

Open Doors monitors the plight of persecuted Christians across the world. Their latest initiative is for us to pray for named Christians. There are cards available with details of individuals. Please ask Rev Paul for more details

New Day is an amazing Christian conference for young people on our doorstep – at the Showground. Please pray for inspiring teaching and a wonderful experience for them.

Harvest will be on Sunday 4th October

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

Streams If you would like to join a group, please sign the sign up sheet at the back of church. Further details about joining a group, from Rev Paul

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

Account number: 80881600

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

26th July & 2nd August 2026



He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

Matthew 13 : 31 - 32

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www.achurchnearyou.com/taverham

Prayer for this week

O God,
Jesus taught that where our treasure is,
there will our hearts be also.
In this hour, we come bringing our
treasures—
all that we have and all that we are.
We come seeking your treasure—
treasure that does not fade, decay, or
disappoint.
Share with us the treasure of heaven,
that we may boldly share it with others.
Amen.

Rev. Dr. Barb Hedges-Goettl,
<https://bjhlog.wordpress.com/2020/02/19/nl-mark-1017-31-the-rich-young-man-march-1-2020/>

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from
despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings this week

1 Kings 3 : 5 - 12
Romans 8 : 26 - end
Matthew 13 : 13 – 33, 44 - 52

We give thanks for.....

Baby Lily's safe arrival
For Newday
The work of Open Doors
Our ministry to the Care Homes

Thought for this week

Often we think in terms of how the Kingdom of God can be served so well through small things. Acts of kindness. Words of encouragement. Our prayers however simple and brief, or even hurried. A heartfelt act or word of witness to Jesus, however tentative or afraid. In each of these ways our service to Jesus matters!

So Jesus in His parables, especially the ones we hear this week, are of relatively small things. A tiny seed. A small amount of yeast. A box in a field. A jewel. A catch of fish.

Yet each one shows that however small seeming the scale, in the Kingdom the Lord always works on the most massive of transformations. The impact of each of these items is huge, massive, life – changing. In a word, 'Biblical'.

Jesus replied when He was before Pilate, 'My Kingdom is not of this world'. (John 18 : 36). The Kingdom of God breaks out wherever Jesus' name is revered. Wherever prayers are offered in His name. Situations are transformed. Peace breaks through. Priorities are turned upside down. The poor, the vulnerable, are showered with grace. This is the kingdom Jesus brings, beyond all human imagining.

Paul

What's on

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Mustard Tree Church
11.15am Service of the Word
1.30pm Baptism
Monday 3.00pm Funeral in church
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 9.30am Mustard Tree Church
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11.15am Livestream service

St Peter's Ringland

Congratulations to Adam & Becca on their Wedding.

Sunday 26th 1pm Baptism of Francesca Pizzey.

Sunday 26th 3pm Summer Sunday Gathering

9th August 10.30am Café Communion followed by picnic.