

## NEWS AND NOTICES

**ST EDMUND'S HAS A JOB VACANCY** for a Part-time Parish Administrator (8 hours per week / £12.21 per hour.) For a copy of the role description and details on how to apply, please contact [vicar@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk). The closing date for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 with interviews expected week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**MID-WEEK WALK Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December,** We meet in the church car park for a 9.30am start, Please contact Brian Livesey at [b.livesey@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.livesey@ntlworld.com) or on 293 7403 for more information.

**THE MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will resume on 5<sup>th</sup> January at the back of church from 10:30 till 12. We start with a chat and coffee, with the main meeting starting at 11. We will be looking at the following Sunday's readings, Acts 10:34-43 and Matthew 3:13-17. Do come along or speak to Penny Gray.

**TEA COSY+ Memory Cafe** for those living with dementia will be on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 11-1.30** at The Highwood Building, Brackenwood Drive, off Lidgett Lane. We will be enjoying singing, reminiscing, group conversation, a craft activity and music quiz, and offering support for carers. A light lunch will be provided including hot drinks, homemade sandwiches and cakes. £3 per person. If you have a question to ask then please do contact Susie Broome on 2666476 or Gillian Mathie on 2888633.

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**JUNIOR CHURCH resumes on  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Youth Group** for young people in school years 11, 12 & 13  
**Spring term 2026**  
**Tuesdays**  
**7-8.30 pm**

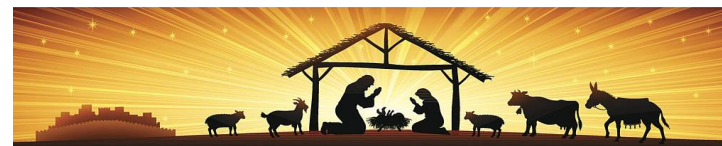
13<sup>th</sup> January  
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**THE JULIAN PRAYER MEETING,** on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm.** We are an ecumenical group following the traditions of Julian of Norwich, meeting for a guided short reflection and a time of contemplative prayer, followed by refreshments if you would like to stay on for that. Information is available from Julie Meakin at [jpmeakin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jpmeakin@hotmail.co.uk) or from Terry Robson at [terry1robson@icloud.com](mailto:terry1robson@icloud.com)

**YOUTH GROUP** for school years 11 to 13 meets fortnightly during term time on Tuesdays. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 7 - 8.30pm** in the church hall. There will be pizza! Please join us: term dates are listed above.

**A HOPE EXPLORED COURSE** will be run on **Saturday mornings on 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of January.** It will start with coffee and pastries at 9.30am with the study starting at 10(ish) and conclude by 11.30. Attendance is limited to 14, so please 'book early' and let Michelle know via email if you would like to attend. Please send emails to [vicar@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk) or give Michelle a call.

## A warm welcome from St Edmund's Parish Church



### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 The first Sunday of Christmas

*We extend a warm welcome to everyone who will  
worship with us whether in church or at home.*

**8am** **HOLY COMMUNION, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.**  
Revd Michelle Lepine is presiding and preaching.

**10am** **CAFE CHURCH**  
Carols by choice, led by Revd Martin Tanner.

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**Services next Sunday**  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Epiphany**

**8am** Holy Communion,  
**10am** First Sunday, All Together Worship.  
**6.30pm** Taizé Service

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and insights into life at St Ed's  
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Instagram: [@StEdsRoundhay](https://www.instagram.com/StEdsRoundhay)

## **COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in  
your own image  
and yet more wonderfully  
restored us through your Son  
Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share  
in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his  
divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

### **Hebrews 2:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' <sup>13</sup> And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again,

'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

<sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **Matthew 2:13-23**

<sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

<sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This

was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

<sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup> 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' <sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'



## **Christingle**



**Please join us for the Christingle  
service on  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January  
at 4pm**

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Those who have asked for prayer:  
Joanne, Doreen, Wayne, Rachael,  
Andrea, Julie, Evelyn,  
Sarah and Jocelyn.**

**The recently departed,  
among them Meryl Cowling,  
Simon & Amanda's mother.**

**Andy & Kati, our CMS mission  
partners in Brazil.**

**Andi & Kati's latest letter from  
Brazil will be found here:  
[Andy & Kati](#)**